

# Southern Baptist Convention

June 10-12, 1980

St. Louis, MO.

Theme: "That We May Boldly Say"  
(Hebrews 13: 6-7)

Tuesday Morning, June 10

Session Theme: Boldness in Proclamation

9:00 Music for Inspiration — Sanctuary and Youth Choirs, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, TN, Thomas P. Lane, minister of music

9:30 Call to Order

Congregational Singing—Thomas P. Lane, Memphis, TN, director  
Scripture (Eph. 6:10-19)—Virginia (Mrs. Gene) Moore, Charlotte, NC  
Prayer—Acie Ford, Memphis, TN

9:45 Registration and Constitution of Convention Report — Lee Porter, Nashville, TN

Committee on Order of Business Report — James L. Pleitz, Dallas, TX, chairman

9:55 Welcome — Mayor James Conway, St. Louis, MO

10:00 Response — Morris Chapman, Wichita Falls, TX

10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from other Baptist Bodies

10:20 Convention Photograph

10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers — Adrian Rogers, SBC president; pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, TN

10:30 Executive Committee Report (Part 1) — Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN

11:10 Introduction of Business and Resolutions

11:25 Congregational Singing — Thomas P. Lane, Memphis, TN, director

11:30 Music — Sanctuary and Youth Choirs, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, TN, Thomas P. Lane, minister of music

Soloist, Joyce (Mrs. Adrian) Rogers, Memphis, TN

11:35 President's Address — Adrian Rogers, Memphis, TN

12:00 Benediction — Len Turner, Merritt Island, FL

Adjourn

Tuesday Afternoon, June 10

Session Theme: Boldness in Convention Advance

2:00 Music for Inspiration — Senior High - College Choir, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, TN, James D. Whitmire, director

2:30 Congregational Singing — Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, MO, director  
Scripture (Acts 4:13-31) — Larry Lewis, St. Louis, MO  
Prayer — Gary Cook, Waco, TX

2:45 Theme Interpretation — Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN

3:00 Election of Officers

3:20 Introduction of Business and Resolutions

3:35 Executive Committee Report (Part 2) — Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN

4:15 Stewardship Commission Report — A. R. Fagan, Nashville, TN

4:25 Congregational Singing — Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, MO, director

4:30 Business and Election of Officers

5:05 Benediction — Warren Hall, Los Altos, CA

Adjourn

Tuesday Night, June 10

Session Theme: Boldness in Reaching A Lost World

7:00 Music for Inspiration — Missouri Music Men, Bob Woolley, director  
Missouri Music Women, Linda Boyd, director7:25 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX, director  
Scripture (Matt. 28:16-20) — Robert Parker, Little Rock, AR  
Prayer — Lorene (Mrs. Donald) Murphy, Kansas City, MO

7:40 Theme Interpretation — Landrum P. Leavell II, New Orleans, LA

7:50 Business and Election of Officers

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## Dallas College Changes Articles' Signing Rule

By Toby Drain

DALLAS (BP) — The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has released \$75,000 in tuition equalization grants and other funds to Dallas Baptist College students after receiving "clarification" of the college's stance on a controversial "articles of faith" statement.

The funds were frozen in January when it was reported that the college was requiring all faculty, staff and trustees to sign the articles of faith, an amended version of the 1963 statement of Baptist faith and message. Dallas Baptist President W. Marvin Watson had added sentences on biblical inerrancy and the creation of man to the 1963 statement.

Mack C. Adams, head of the state student division of the coordinating board said the funds were released

after the college's position was clarified by action of the Dallas Baptist College trustees on Feb. 21 and in subsequent meetings of the state officials and college attorneys and administration.

In the Feb. 21 meeting, the college trustees, at the suggestion of their attorneys, approved a "resolution of clarification" that will place the articles of faith in the college personnel manual which goes to all persons on the college payroll.

The following sentence will follow the article of faith: "While the college does not require a specific religious belief of its employees as a condition of employment, no employee shall espouse any belief at Dallas Baptist College contrary to the above statement."

The employees on longer will be re-

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## Home Missions Project Gets 'Captive' Audience Of 60,000

By Tim Nicholas

Frank Groner believes Baptist hospitals are "the best home missions projects we have."

He ought to know, he's been chief administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., for the past 34 years. And two years before that, he was administrator of Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

Groner didn't skip over Mississippi in his move from New Orleans to Memphis. As a matter of fact, he's been looking after the interests of Mississippi Baptists since he went to Memphis.

Baptist Memorial Hospital is operated by a triune of trustees elected by the Baptist conventions of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas. Current trustee chairman is William H. Preston, Jr., a Booneville physician.

At the end of this month, Groner will retire. Replacing him will be Joseph Powell who has been his executive vice president. Named president emeritus, Groner will continue hospital work as director of development, working with the hospital's endowment fund.

Groner is leaving the presidency of a hospital which has grown during his tenure from 500 to 1,914 beds, making it the largest private hospital in the world.

It also has a number of beds and most attributed to it. It accepts no federal funds, but has the lowest pa-

tient cost of any 1,000 bed hospital in the nation. It handles more neurosurgical cases than anywhere in the U.S. (over 6,000 per year — Mayo Clinic does 2,800). It's highest in orthopedic cases and is in the top three to five for open heart surgery.

Frank Groner's accomplishments listing would take a great deal of space. Following is an extremely abbreviated listing: graduate of College of Marshall and Baylor University, three honorary doctorates, president of six hospital organizations, including American Hospital Association, and American College of Hospital Administrators, advisor or consultant to 20 hospitals and numerous medical groups, plus giving expert testimony before committees of U.S. Congress, service as preceptor of seven hospital administration programs, and membership in several community organizations. His awards include being a 1980 recipient of the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Of the more than 80,000 admissions expected in 1980, more than 34,000 bed patients will be referred there, making it the largest referral hospital in the

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## 200 Years

# Sunday School's Birthday Bash Announced For State

The 200th birthday of the Sunday School is to be celebrated Thursday, May 22, at the Jackson City Auditorium. The program begins at 6:45 p.m. and is open to the public.

The celebration will be moderated by Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Ken Chaffin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will be principal speaker.

A special feature of the evening will be an historical multimedia and drama presentation depicting the beginnings and development of the Sunday School as Bible teaching arm of the church. From its beginning by Robert Raikes in England through its

augmentation by Mississippian Arthur Flake, and beyond, the feature will include slides, music, and live actors.

Special guests for the program include A. V. Washburn, retired director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School department and Harry Piland, currently in that position.

Mrs. Martha Branham, soloist from Dallas, Tex., and Charles Endsley of Jackson, pianist, will perform.

A special recognition service is planned for Sunday School teachers and leaders with five or more years of perfect attendance and with 25 or more years as teachers or workers.

Testimonies by Sunday School teachers and leaders will be offered. Commemorative souvenir coins

have been struck and a program keepsake will be given to each participant. During the session, a projection of

growth through 1985 of Sunday School in the Southern Baptist Convention and in Mississippi will be made.



Cummings



Chaffin



Washburn



Piland

## Day Camp Set At Convention

ST. LOUIS (BP) — A missions day camp will be offered for children whose parents are messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention June 10-12 in St. Louis.

More than 300 children ages six through 11 are expected to learn about Southern Baptist missions at the camp on the Missouri Baptist College campus. The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission will sponsor the day camp, as it has done for nearly a decade, with the Brotherhood of the St. Louis Baptist Association.

Faculty and students at the college in suburban St. Louis will provide the leadership of the day camp under the direction of C. J. Bobbitt, baseball coach at Missouri Baptist.

Charge for attending the day camp is \$5 per child per day, which includes transportation, trip insurance, day camp supplies, lunch on June 10 and June 12 and other activity costs.

Children will board buses at the Cervantes Convention Center each morning at 8:30 and will return to the center at 4:30 p.m. except June 11 (Wednesday) when they will return at noon.

Messengers may register their children at the missions day camp booth in the lobby of the convention center.



Endsley



Branham

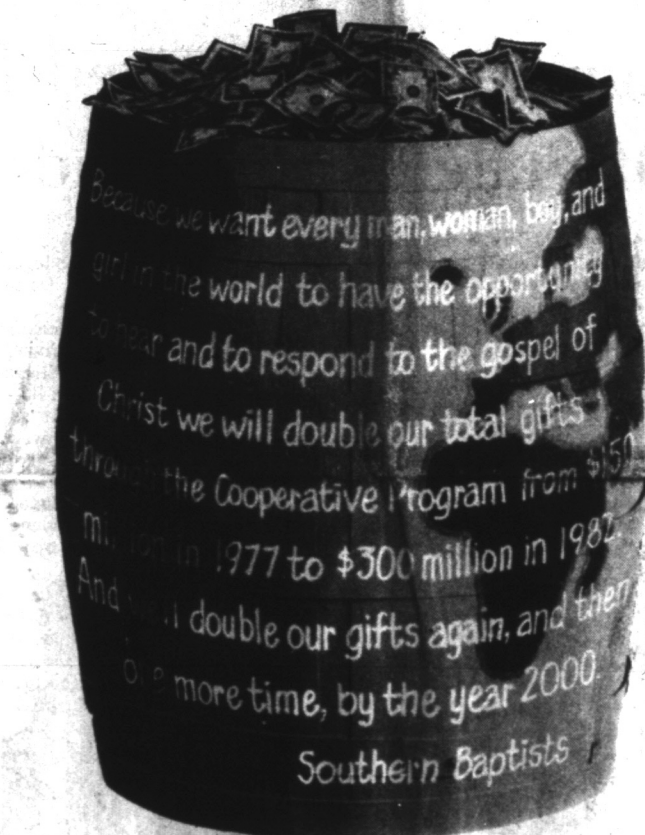
## Vins Opens Persecution News Center

INDIANAPOLIS (EP) — Georgi Vins, Russian Baptist leader released from a Soviet prison in a Russian-American prisoner exchange last spring, is opening an international office for the Council of Evangelical Christians Baptists Churches at Elkhart, Ind., according to an evangelist here.

The office will serve not only as a clearing house for news about persecuted Christians, but also as a center for forwarding Bibles to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

A spokesman said that, according to Vins, many Mennonite and Baptist conscientious objectors are being sent

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## The Cooperative Program Is Useless — Want To Bet?

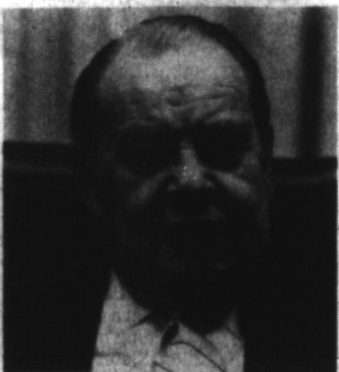
By Guy Henderson, Consultant  
Stewardship Department, MCB  
Someone challenged me (really, they wanted to bet) that I could not

write an article without using the words money or Cooperative Program. Knowing that April 20 is Cooperative Program Day, I immediately accepted, and here it is.

"Recently I began thinking of just how my church and denomination had helped me in my Christian vocation. The warmth of a church family and growing up in a Christian community bring blessings without price. Then the Christian college I attended, which is partially supported by that program which I am not to mention, provided a gold mine of knowledge, friendship, and resources. Youth camps in Mississippi, Baptist Student Union activities, conferences and assemblies, all provided with funds from Baptists, added a new dimension to my life.

The seminary I attended was one of the best with skilled professors that sharpened the gifts of young Christian workers. I paid no tuition and was told that the giving of cooperating churches through a channel of concern, love, and compassion made it possible. Later I was to pastor a church, and the Home Mission Board loaned us the money to construct a new building. They were also sending missionaries all over the United States — their salaries paid by Baptists who gave their means through that anonymous program. I learned the Foreign Mission Board had missionaries in dozens of countries who were depending on that wonderful program to keep them there.

In fact, the more I studied it, reflected on the value of such a plan for our churches, and the more I considered all those ministries, I became more determined than ever to encourage all our churches to participate. Put it on a percentage basis and know that each Sunday part of your offering will be working in ministries around the world. It's your way of saying, Lord, I'm concerned about the things



Frank Groner

country. Memorial Hospital had one of the first coronary care units and the first hospital medical office building was there in 1928.

Those 60,000 patients are the reason Groner believes in the home missions capability of the hospital. He recalls Mark Harris, now deceased, former pastor of Speedway Terrace Baptist Church in Memphis, told him once that half the adults who joined that church had had some contact with Baptist Memorial Hospital. "Contact," supposes Groner, "breaks down any resistance to Baptists."

Patient relations are high on the list of priorities for the hospital. Every pa-

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## Robison Continues To Press Complaint

DALLAS (BP) — Evangelist James Robison continues to press his year-old case with the Federal Communications Commission over the FCC's fairness doctrine and says he's prepared to pursue it to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Robison told a press conference in Dallas that he'd received a letter March 3 from Arthur L. Ginsburg, chief of the FCC's complaint and compliance division, saying it did not seem "appropriate" for the FCC to rule on its fairness doctrine which demands a broadcaster give equal time to oppos-

ing views. The letter also stated that television station WFAA had a right to cancel Robison's Sunday morning television show last Feb. 25.

WFAA, citing the fairness doctrine, cancelled Robison after he preached on homosexuality as sin, quoting biblical condemnation but also quoting from periodicals. The Dallas station gave a gay rights advocate equal time to respond to Robison's charges. It was the only one of 90 stations that carry Robison to cancel him after that show.

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## House Bill 978 . . .

# Baptists must work for its death

By Don McGregor, Editor

House Bill 978, that's the crazy one that started out seeking to declare that the voters of Lamar County have no voice in their own affairs and that the Legislature would handle things for them, has been amended in the Senate Finance Committee to declare that liquor cannot be sold in the county without a referendum.

That amendment was inserted by responsibly thinking committee members who were fearful that the bill might get out of the committee in its original form if it were not amended.

There is nothing wrong in putting the matter before the voters. There was a beer election in Lamar County two years ago, and the sale of beer lost by a two-to-one margin. The wets pointed out in the committee hearing, however, that there is a beer establishment in Lamar County. The wets also pointed out that there has been no liquor election, as if that were a point in their favor. The fact is, there has been no liquor election in the county because there has been no call for one. There has not been enough interest in having liquor sold in the county. It takes only 1,500 signatures or 20 per cent of the voters, whichever is the smaller number.

Amending the bill to call for an election, however, destroys its usefulness to the wet interests completely. The election has been a possibility all along. The wets know the lack of interest in liquor sales in Lamar County, and they were hoping to short-circuit the regular procedure.

Therefore, the fear in the capitol among those who oppose the bill is that when it reaches the Senate floor the wet interests will seek to amend back into the bill what they have lost as it is now amended. This is a very real danger.

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# Baylor Women Warned Again Against Nude Magazine Posing

By Jerilyn Armstrong  
WACO, Texas (BP) — Responding to Playboy magazine's report that it photographed about 80 Baylor University coeds, the school's president, Abner V. McCall, said disciplinary action will be taken against any Baylor woman appearing nude in the magazine.

Playboy photographer David Chan said response at the Southern Baptist university was about 45 below the average of other Southwest Conference schools, and that most of the women were seniors.

McCall said: "Southern Baptists have several moral codes that we uphold and pornography is not one of

them. If a Baylor woman chooses to pose nude for Playboy then Baylor's disciplinary committee will take action."

The recent photo session with Chan was a preliminary screening from which four or five finalists will be selected to pose for publication later this spring. None of the preliminary shots were taken nude.

During the Playboy controversy three senior editors of the Baylor student newspaper, the Lariat, were fired and two journalism faculty members resigned in protest.

McCall said he didn't object to balanced news coverage of the Playboy episode, only to editorials advocating a stance contrary to Baptist doctrines stated in university policy guiding editorials, or to point-of-view stories that did so.

Donald M. Williams, associate professor of journalism, ceased teaching March 3, but will be paid in full through the end of the school year.

F. Dennis Hale, associate professor of journalism, later resigned in protest to the administration's treatment of Williams and the three student editors, but will continue his teaching responsibilities through the end of the 1980 summer term.

After suspending the printing of the school newspaper, the Lariat, for two weeks, the board of publications elected three new editors in a March 24 meeting. They are Philip Brown, editor-in-chief; Jim Bridges, city editor; and Keith Howard, news editor. The Lariat resumed publication March 26.

"The new editors have had previous experience with the Lariat in various leadership roles and will do an excellent job in finishing out the school year," said Loyal Gould, chairman of the journalism department.

Gould said no new rules or enforcement had been placed on the Lariat staff as a result of the recent controversy.

"President McCall reiterated the policy which was present when I took this position in 1974, but did not place additional controls," Gould said. "The policy has always included that editorials shall not be written favoring atheism, homosexuality, promiscuity, pornography and use of narcotics or alcohol, and that policy has not changed."

Asked if the recent shake-up in the Lariat staff and faculty will hurt the reputation and enrollment of Baylor's journalism program, Gould said he thinks it will have the opposite effect.

"This has been an absolutely fascinating experience and one of the biggest public relations coups I have seen," he said. "The journalism department has received many supportive letters and newspaper editorials, along with requests for information and applications."

McCall said his office has received more than 800 letters and less than two dozen were critical. "Baylor has also been commended by numerous churches, our trustees and the Texas Baptist Executive Board," he said. "I was not at all surprised," he said. "As a matter of fact, I would have been more surprised if we had not received it."

## Captive Audience Of 60,000 Patients

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tient is visited by one of the 20 hostesses who work out of the religion department. As "professional visitors," they make sure patients have toothpaste and other needs taken care of and suggest counseling if they think it would help. That way, says Groner, "the chaplain comes in as an invited guest instead of just a salesman."

These hostesses also operate the hospital's hotline telephone service passing to the appropriate person any patient's non-medical complaint. And the administrative staff is assigned to sections of the hospital to keep up with things.

Groner attributes "wonderful cooperation in all the conventions" to the "top flight people" he's gotten as trustees. "I believe the hospitals that have related closely to the conventions are the ones that have succeeded," he says.

What makes the hospital specifically "Baptist" is its "peculiar" relationship to three conventions. "We have to give tremendous responsibility being part of three conventions. It gives us greater flexibility."

"Baptists believe in the dignity of man," says Groner, who adds, "I don't believe I've ever had a trustee talk down to me." He believes the fact that "we go after the best in the country" from administration to department heads, helps make the hospital run better.

When Groner came in 1946 to talk with the trustees about becoming president, he told them he would be making major reorganizational changes and would seek only top staffers. "That was right after the war," he says, "and we had people literally knocking down the doors to get in here. We were able to build a medical staff unsurpassed in

the nation." A good retirement program and such benefits as a nursery for registered nurses' children help keep good staff.

Born the son of an attorney called into ministry, Groner grew up with his father serving as executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention and then as president of East Texas Baptist College. His father, F. N. Groner, Sr., directed a campaign to start hospitals and was first president of the board of the New Orleans Baptist Hospital.

Groner says he doesn't feel he'll have any trouble retiring, though, "If I had to hang around the house all day, I'd go nuts," he admits. He and Daisy, his wife, already go "pretty regularly" to Hot Springs and they enjoy travel to other places. He called himself "a very dull character." "I rarely read a book — too impatient. I read mostly Baptist state papers and news magazines."

Groner, a Baptist deacon, explains that "this job will keep you going." On the other hand, he feels that with a hospital the size of Memorial, "once you put it on track, it is easier to administer than a small one." In addition, "as you get larger, you deal with larger problems which are much more challenging. Very few people I deal with aren't themselves stimulating."

He adds, "This is such an exciting place."

## Robison Continues To Press

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The Robison program was restored in July, about the time he asked the FCC for a ruling on the matter and for a clarification of the fairness doctrine.

Robison said the Ginsburg letter was what his attorneys had told him to expect and that it was designed to see "if we were serious" about the complaint. But he was concerned that Ginsburg avoided the question. He has submitted an "application for review" asking the FCC to rule.

—WFAA's exclusion of commentary on controversial issues is unreasonable and inconsistent with the licensee obligation under the fairness doctrine and personal attack rules;

—That the decision to terminate the Robison show on grounds stated by the station were unreasonable and inconsistent;

—That the discussion of homosexuality in the broadcast did not involve a discussion of a controversial issue of public importance;

—That if the station's actions are ruled reasonable, then the fairness doctrine and personal attack rule have an unconstitutional, chilling effect on religious broadcasting in America.

Insisting he now is on good terms with WFAA, Robison nevertheless criticized media for limiting the right of people to hear issues presented forthrightly.

"There's something dangerous about one station or three networks determining what the public hears," he said. "I am convinced that there is a strongly humanist, socialist, potentially atheistic philosophy that does control much of what the public hears. Never has sensual, suggestive, sexual liberty been so protective in expression. Attacks on the home and family and basic moral standards are protected."

"But you let a man speak out forthrightly and he doesn't seem to have that same protection. Rather he is under constant scrutiny and pressure that causes him to have to so guard his words that basically he may not say anything."

## Vins Opens New Center

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to fight in Afghanistan, and being executed if they refuse to do so. He said that these executions serve the double purpose of getting rid of religious dissidents and setting an example for other Russian soldiers who might consider refusing to fight.

## Budget For State Makes Slight Dip In March

March receipts of \$656,707 from churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program brought the total for the first quarter of this year to \$2,006,215. This is an increase of \$226,624 over the same period for last year, or an increase of 8.8 percent, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The March gifts were \$136,436 less than those for the same month of last year, which was a decrease of 17.2 percent. It was pointed out, however, that March of this year ended on a Monday, making it difficult for all of the churches to get their Cooperative Program gifts into the convention offices in time to be counted for the

month. March of 1979 ended on a Saturday.

The pro rata missions gifts for three months of this year, based on the annual budget of \$11,247,000, would be \$2,811,750, Kelly noted. This would mean that the total receipts are \$5,535 less than the pro rata budget figure.

"For the quarter to end on a Monday and our missions gifts to be no more than \$5,535 less than the budget figure indicates a firm commitment to missions," Kelly said. "Our churches continue to support our missions efforts all over the world as well as at home, and such support will continue to be a necessity if the goals of Bold Mission Thrust are to be met. A world floundering in sin has every right to expect such compassion."

## The Cooperative Program

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that concern you. I want a part in Christian education in my state. I want to share in projects for world hunger, help for needy children, purchase land for new churches in unchurched areas, supply retirement needs for elderly pastors, have a part in church development programs, and share in home and foreign missions. My small amount is so insignificant, but when I cooperate with my fellow workers, it becomes a river of mercy."

There it is! A good program for getting your evidence of concern where it's needed. In fact, it is so good, I want to spell it out. The Cooperative Program is the best plan for your money. So I lost the challenge. It's worth mentioning over and over. How do you spell relief? It's C-o-o-p-e-r-a-t-i-v-e P-r-o-g-r-a-m to millions of people around the world. "Drinking a soft drink and a smile" is not nearly as effective for joy as cooperating with other believers in meeting some of the world's needs. A particular muffler may pay or it may not, but one thing is for sure: the Cooperative Program pays off in rich spiritual dividends. Come to think of it, how could you write about Baptists, the world concern, love, or mission work without mentioning the Cooperative Program? Remember that offering envelope this Sunday and every Sunday. Don't leave home without it. Thanks, I needed that!

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## Candra Gray Elected President Of State Baptist Student Union

Candra Gray of Corinth, a student at Mississippi University for Women, was elected president of the state Baptist Student Union during its annual Leadership Training Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

Elected vice president was Mark Wiggs of Memphis and a student at College. Secretary is Myrna Reynolds of Norwood, La., a student at Mississippi State University.

Other officers include three executive committee members: Steve Bennett, New Albany, Northeast Missis-

issippi Junior College; Tammie Britton, Marion, Ark., Blue Mountain College; and Ron Braswell, Grenada, Delta State University.

The students elected Alfred Deaton, science teacher at East Central Junior College, as faculty advisor. Elwyn Wilkinson, pastor of Perkinston Baptist Church, was elected pastor advisor. And Ed Abel, of Southwest Junior College, was elected student director advisor.

At the Gulfshore meeting, student missionaries were commissioned. These students were appointed by the

state BSU and will serve across the nation and in a number of foreign countries this summer. Approximately 30 more students are being appointed by the Home Mission Board for summer service.

Fisher Humphreys, theology professor at New Orleans Seminary, was Bible teacher for the conference. His subjects included spiritual gifts and prayer.

He defined prayer as "talking to God who listens and responds because he loves me." He said he doesn't mean meditation when he's talking about prayer, or "a human effort to change things in our world. It's possible to pray and to leave God out." He said when we do that, "we're back to magic."

Humphreys asked the group if anything was different because they prayed? "The reason they (prayers) make a difference to God is he waits on us to pray," he added, "there are lots of routes open to Him in getting his work done and he allows us to participate in the decisions."

On the subject of spiritual gifts, Humphreys said that Christians tend to go in one of two opposite extremes relating to gifts. Either "my gifts don't matter," or "my gift is the only one that matters. Both leave us in serious trouble."

Humphreys said that each member of the body of Christ has been given gifts. And, "to every Christian the church is the place we can discover our gifts."

Jan Daehnert, of the Texas Baptist student department, talked about God's definition of leadership. He said man's attributes of leadership include outstanding authority, talent, intelligence, personality.

"Jesus doesn't look at prominence, but at humility," said Daehnert, "not authority, but obedience; not being served by commoners but serving."

Missionary to the Philippines James Slack, offered statistics that indicate that Christianity is losing ground in the world. He asked, "Why aren't we a part of the solution?"

Others on the program included Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, and a number of speakers to special interest conferences.

Scott Willis, a student at Southern Seminary, led the music.



Left to right are Ed Abel, Alfred Deaton, Steve Bennett, Myrna Reynolds, Tammie Britton, Ron Braswell, and Candra Gray. Other officers not pictured are Mark Wiggs, and Elwyn Wilkinson.



Scott Willis leads in a song which is projected on the wall behind him.

## Farmer Sets Retirement

## Five Fabulous Sundays In March — 1980

These are the figures for new Sunday School members reported in the month of March. They include those never before enrolled and transfers.

Adams	86	Marshall	27
Alcorn	48	Mississippi	48
Attala	48	Monroe	23
Benton	5	Montgomery	89
Bolivar	58	Neshoba	19
Calhoun	61	New Choctaw	20
Carroll	63	Newton	19
Chickasaw	27	Noxubee	22
Choctaw	27	Oktibbeha	24
Clarke	90	Panola	54
Clay	54	Pearl River	85
Copiah	31	Perry	0
Covington	0	Pike	89
DeSoto	134	Pontotoc	88
Franklin	42	Prentiss	29
George	10	Quitman	0
Greene	7	Rankin	208

## Articles' Signing Rule



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8:00 Bold Mission Thrust Goal Report, Harold C. Bennett, Nashville, TN  
8:10 Foreign Mission Board Report — R. Keith Parks, Richmond, VA  
8:45 Six SBC Seminaries Report — Milton Ferguson, Kansas City, MO, president  
9:00 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX, director  
9:10 Music — Missouri Music Men and Missouri Music Women, Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, MO, director  
9:15 Message — Doctors Giles and Wana Ann Fort, medical missionaries, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) David Fort, M.D., Dallas, TX  
Gordon Fort, student, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, TX  
9:40 Benediction — Phi Wung Seo, San Jose, CA  
Adjourn

Wednesday Morning, June 11

Session Theme: Boldness In a Changing World

9:00 Inspirational Music — Adult and Youth Choirs, Second Baptist Church, Houston, TX, Charles Muller, minister of music  
9:30 Congregational Singing — Thad Roberts Jr., Houston, TX, director  
Scripture (Heb. 13:5-8) — Luman Gillman, Pocatello, ID  
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—Miscellaneous Business  
12:30 Benediction — Lawana Roberts, Oklahoma City, OK  
Adjourn

NO SESSION WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Wednesday Night, June 11

Session Theme: Boldness in Reaching the Homeland

7:00 Inspirational Music — The Singing Illinoisans and the Illinois Baptist State Association Orchestra, Carol Sheppard, director  
7:25 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX, director  
7:35 Scripture (Acts 1:1-8) — David Book, Lake Placid, NY  
Prayer — Sara Ann Hobbs, Raleigh, NC  
7:45 Theme Interpretation — Stan Coffey, Albuquerque, NM  
7:55 Presentation of Past SBC Presidents  
8:10 Home Mission Board Report — William G. Tanner, Atlanta, GA  
8:45 Baptist Sunday School Board Report — Grady C. Cothen, Nashville, TN  
9:05 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX, director  
9:10 Music — The Singing Illinoisans and the Illinois Baptist State Association Orchestra, Carol Sheppard, director  
9:15 Message — Stephen Olford, Wheaton, IL  
9:40 Benediction — Phillip Lineberger, Wichita, KS  
Adjourn

Thursday Morning, June 12

Session Theme: Boldness in Equipping the Saints

9:00 Inspirational Music — College Singers, Missouri Baptist College, St. Louis, MO, Marjorie Psalmonds, director  
9:30 Congregational Singing — Bill H. Ichtler, music missionary, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, director

Scripture (Eph. 4:7-16) — Kenneth Stohner, Roswell, NM  
Prayer — Norma Kennedy (Mrs. Lavonn) Brown, Norman, OK  
Theme Interpretation — Huber Drumwright, Fort Worth, TX  
9:55 Annuity Board Report — David H. Morgan, Dallas, TX  
10:05 Woman's Missionary Union Report — Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, AL  
10:15 Baptist World Alliance Report — Robert S. Denny, Washington, DC  
10:25 Education Commission Report — Arthur L. Walker Jr., Nashville, TN  
10:35 Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report — Arthur L. Walker Jr., Nashville, TN  
10:40 Southern Baptist Foundation Report — Hollis E. Johnson III, Nashville, TN  
10:50 Congregational Singing — Bill H. Ichtler, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, director  
11:00 Business  
—Committee on Resolutions (final report)  
—Miscellaneous Business  
12:15 Benediction — Robert Kleinschmidt, Lemon Grove, CA  
Adjourn

Thursday Afternoon, June 12

Session Theme: Boldness in Critical Times

2:00 Inspirational Music — Evangelistic Singers  
3:00 Congregational Singing — Jim McNeil, St. Louis, MO, director  
Scripture (Heb. 4:12-16) — Ed Brown, Fresno, CA  
Prayer — Charlotte Perkins (Mrs. J. T.) Weedman, Shawnee, OK  
3:15 Theme Interpretation — Sarah Frances Anders, Pineville, LA  
3:25 Historical Commission Report — Lynn E. May Jr., Nashville, TN  
3:35 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report — Porter W. Routh, Washington, DC  
3:45 Christian Life Commission Report — Foy Valentine, Nashville, TN  
3:55 Congregational Singing — Jim McNeil, St. Louis, MO, director  
4:00 Business  
—Committee on Baptist State Papers, H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, TN, chairman  
—Denominational Calendar Committee, Henry B. Huff, Louisville, KY, chairman  
—Miscellaneous  
5:00 Benediction — Joel B. Lucas, Denham Springs, LA  
Adjourn

Thursday Night, June 12

Session Theme: Boldness in Christian Living

7:00 Music for Inspiration — Oklahoma Singing Churchmen, James Woodward, director  
7:25 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Fort Worth, TX, director  
7:35 Scripture (II Peter 3:11-14) — T. Earl Ogg, Monroe, LA  
7:40 Prayer — James Lamkin, Wisner, LA  
7:45 Theme Interpretation — Grady and Eleanor Nutt, Louisville, KY  
8:05 Music Presentation — Dean Wilder, Robert Hale and Ovid Young  
8:20 Message — Carl Bates, Charlotte, NC  
8:50 Benediction — Adrian Rogers, Memphis, TN  
Adjourn

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## "Southern Baptist Journal" Moves To South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP) — The "Southern Baptist Journal," a private publication formed in 1973 to expose Southern Baptist "liberals," has moved to South Carolina under the direction of a new editor.

Russell Kaemmerling, 31, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Columbia, S. C., has replaced William Powell as editor. Powell will continue to live in Buchanan, Ga., and serve as publisher of the 10,000 circulation paper. He will also continue as executive vice president of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship.

Powell said his main role will be fund raising. He told Baptist Press the BFMF has "achieved its first major goal" to alert Southern Baptist leadership of "liberals" in SBC life. Phase two, he said, will be a concerted effort to raise funds to get the Southern Baptist Journal in the hands first of every Southern Baptist pastor and then every deacon chairman and WMU director.

The Journal, begun as a monthly, has been published less often than that because of financial problems. Kaemmerling said it will publish monthly effective April 1. He said that he, as editor, will have complete editorial control.

He said the paper will continue as a voice for exposing liberalism but, "We won't be after liberal people as much as dealing with trends and issues."

Asked if this was a change in policy,

he said, "This is not a change in direction as much as methodology. In the past we haven't been as careful to state the cause as we should. We can't separate people from issues but will focus on the issues and not name names of individuals without documented evidence. We won't be in the business of character assassination."

Kaemmerling is a brother-in-law of Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas, Texas, who was one of the principals in efforts last year in Houston to elect an SBC president committed to biblical inerrancy.

Asked if there was a direct connection between the Criswell Center and the Southern Baptist Journal, Kaemmerling said, "We may deal with similar issues but there will be no direct relationship. We're not a news arm for them."

Kaemmerling has been pastor of the West Columbia church for almost three years. A native of Beaumont, Texas, he is a graduate of Lamar University, Beaumont. He earned a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and is studying in the doctor of ministries program of Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.

## Kermit McGregor Doing Well After Heart Surgery

Kermit McGregor, pastor of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, had bypass heart surgery Friday, April 4, at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson. He is recuperating nicely according to a member of the church staff, and expects to return home from the hospital by Sunday or Monday, April 13 or 14.

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## Mississippi Baptist Activities

April 14-15 Sunday School Teaching & Growth Conferences, 7:00-9:30 p.m.  
14 - FBC, Leland  
15 - FBC, Greenwood  
April 17 Sunday School Teaching & Growth Conference, Calvary, Yazoo City, 7:00-9:30 p.m.  
April 18-19 GA Mother/Daughter Weekend, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 4:00 p.m., 18th - 12:00 Noon, 19th  
April 18-19 Family Camping Workshop, Central Hills, Kosciusko, 6:00 p.m., 18th - 3:00 p.m., 19th (Church Training)  
April 19 State Young Missions' Choral Festival, Mississippi College Coliseum, Clinton, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## 500 Associational Officers Expected At Alta Woods

More than 500 associational officers are expected to attend an Associational Planning Workshop scheduled for May 13, 1980, at Alta Woods Baptist Church, 168 Colonial Drive in Jackson. The meeting will begin with a general session at 9:30 a.m. and will dismiss at 3 p.m.

Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and coordinator for this event stated that the workshop is being provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and all expenses will be paid by the Board as a part of its commitment to strengthening associational organizations.

The workshop is designed to acquaint associational officers with suggested programs for the churches for 1980-81 and also to make them aware of associational projects which might be used to assist churches in carrying out these programs.

Those invited to attend the Associational Planning Workshop are: Directors of Associational Missions, Moderators, Associational Sunday School Directors, Associational Church Training Directors, Associational Church Music Directors, Associational WMU Directors, Associational Brotherhood Directors, Associational Missions Committee Chairmen, Associational Stewardship Committee Chairmen, and Associational Evangelism Committee Chairmen. Separate conferences will be held for each of these groups of officers.

The Associational Clerks are not being invited to this workshop because of a special training session which will be held for them later this year.

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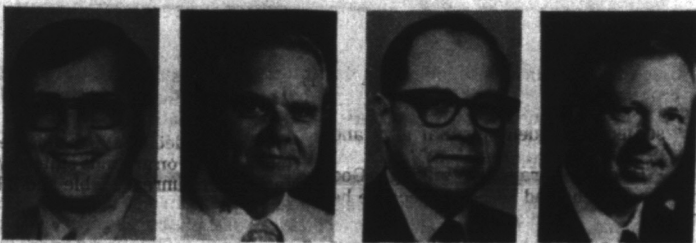
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Four mini-Sunday School leadership conferences will be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly July 28 - August 9.

All four mini-conferences will major on Bible study; motivational messages, five hours of age group and general conferences, a church media conference (first week only), an associational leadership conference plus periods of fellowship and recreation.

Speakers for the July 28 - August 2 conferences will be Brooks H. Wester, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and Bill Baker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton. Music will be

directed by Beth and R. L. Sigrest of Yazoo City.

Speakers for the second week (mini-sessions three and four) will be Ed North, pastor, First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Ark., and Charles Myers, pastor, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson. Music will be directed and led by David and Sandra Young, Holmes Junior College, Goodman, and pianist Betty Jean Chatham, Shelbyville, Ky.

Youth conferences for ages 12-17 will be provided at all mini-conferences, taught by Mrs. Judd Allen, Jackson. These conferences will meet simultaneously with the leadership conferences.

Guided learning activities for preschool and children's ages (birth through 6th grade only) will be provided mornings only from 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A brochure describing rates and prices can be secured from the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Additional program details are available at the same address.

## Gulfshore Offers Seven Summer Youth Sessions

A choice of seven summer youth sessions are available at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian. Each session includes Bible study, recreation, free time, worship, and special interest conferences.

The conference titles include "Christian Discipleship," "What Others Believe," "Determining My Values," "Youth Evangelism (WOW)," "What We Believe," "Christian Chalm Course (for girls)," and "Prayer." "The Teen Commandments."

Other conferences include the production of a youth musical, a puppet workshop, a Christian drama workshop, and sessions on career missions and vocational guidance. Youths can select any two of the conferences to attend during the sessions.

Dates of the youth weeks are May 30-June 3; June 3-7; June 9-13; June 13-17; June 17-21; June 21-25; and August 9-13.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. the afternoon of the first day of each conference and the conference begins with the evening meal. Each one concludes with breakfast of the last day.

For registration information contact Frank Simmons, manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571.

For conference information contact Larry Salter, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

## Hinds-Madison Will Sponsor Youth Bold Missions Music Rally

Hinds-Madison Association will have a Youth Bold Missions Music Rally at Calvary Church, Jackson, on Saturday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

Several youth choirs, ensembles, and soloists will sing. A major address on bold missions will be led by Roger and Betty Cole, missionaries to Brazil. Cole will close the rally by leading the mass group in Theron Kirk's "Ye Shall Be Witnesses."

The Coles are music missionaries in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He is the director of the Music Department for the Sao Paulo State Baptist Convention. He is also the director of the famous 80-voice youth choir called "CORAL JOVEM."

This choir has sung on television and radio stations throughout Brazil and in schools, theatres, clubs and universities. They have recorded through LP records.

Mrs. Cole has taught religious education and English in the Baptist Theological School in Sao Paulo, as well as being active in her local church with children's work. He is a North Carolinian; she is the former Elizabeth (Betty) Hamner of Alabama.

They are residing in Easley, S. C. while on furlough in the States.

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## Editorials

### House Bill 978 . . .

## Baptists must work for its death

(Continued from page 1)

There is, however, a significant difference between the possibility of an election under normal procedures and the possibility of an election if House Bill 978 is passed as it has been amended. The difference is that the Board of Supervisors of Lamar County would be able to call an election on a county-wide basis but concerning only that section of Lamar County in which a portion of Hattiesburg lies with such an election to be held anytime within 60 days following the bill's passing the entire Legislature and being signed by the governor.

#### Little Opposition

Now the problem is that except for those Baptists from Hattiesburg who came to Jackson to fight the bill in the Senate Finance Committee there seems to have been almost no voice in opposition to the bill. Sen. Wayne Burkes of Hinds County told the Baptist Record that no one had contacted him except the Baptist Record and the Christian Action Commission in opposition to the bill. He said he had received a number of communications, both written and verbal, requesting his support of the bill.

Of the 450,000 or so Baptists in the state, there was only the opposition that has been mentioned. Of course, it is true that several Baptists are supporting the bill. Some of them are its chief supporters. Could it be that generally Baptists just don't care that fellow Baptists in Lamar County are fighting to keep this unwanted source of misery out of their county? Just a few letters would help. There has been none.

The task has become more difficult.

The bill has moved out of the committee, which is a small group, and now goes before the Senate, a much larger body. Now the entire Senate must be contacted rather than just committee members.

The bill needs to be killed. As it is, it makes no provisions that have not been possible all along. If there is an attempt in the Senate to amend back into the bill the circumventing of the law to make liquor sales possible in a dry area without the consent of the voters, then the bill is extremely dangerous — not to Lamar County alone but to the entire state.

#### Benefit Holiday Inn

At this point the situation is set up to benefit those who would be the owners of a proposed Holiday Inn in the section of Hattiesburg that lies in Lamar County. The word in the committee hearing was that Holiday Inn would not grant the franchise unless there was the possibility of liquor sales. The wets had a real estate developer, the chief of police of Hattiesburg, and the sheriff of Lamar County to testify in behalf of the bill. The chief of police said that he could not adequately train his men because the city limits go beyond the county line and liquor is illegal in Lamar County. This is a weak argument. The situation has been this way for a number of years, and it was not until someone decided to build a Holiday Inn that the problem came to light. If liquor were to become legal in only that part of Lamar County, then the same problem would face the Lamar County sheriff. He testified, however, that he could see no problem with liquor being legal in that portion of his county.

Sen. Emerson Stringer of Lamar,

Marion, and Wathall counties, led the fight against the bill. Others who testified were James Yates, pastor of Bellevue Church; James McLemore, pastor of Thirty-Eight Avenue Church and a resident of Lamar County; and Phil Harris, pastor of Immanuel Church, which has moved from Forrest County into Lamar County.

Rep. Stone Barefield, who introduced the bill in the House, reportedly at the request of Hattiesburg officials, testified that he had no interest in the Holiday Inn franchise and was interested only in better law enforcement. Again, it seems strange that the law enforcement problems were not given much thought until the spot in a dry area was chosen for a Holiday Inn that insists that it must have liquor sales.

As he opened the hearing, Finance Committee Chairman Ellis Bodron stated that "unfortunately" in Mississippi liquor is still an emotional issue. Thankfully, this is true; and we should all hope it continues to be true. Why would it not be an emotional issue when a driver, influenced by alcohol, drives too close to the car in front of him, hits it, and kills a passenger, as happened a couple of weeks ago on Highway 49 near Star? The family of the slain person surely has some emotion concerning alcohol. Will they say, "It couldn't be helped. The other driver was drunk."

Why would it not be an emotional issue if a husband comes home under the influence of alcohol and physically abuses this wife and children? Why would it not be an emotional issue if a husband had to watch his drunk wife make a fool of herself in public? Would these people say, "Forget it. He (or

she) was drunk."

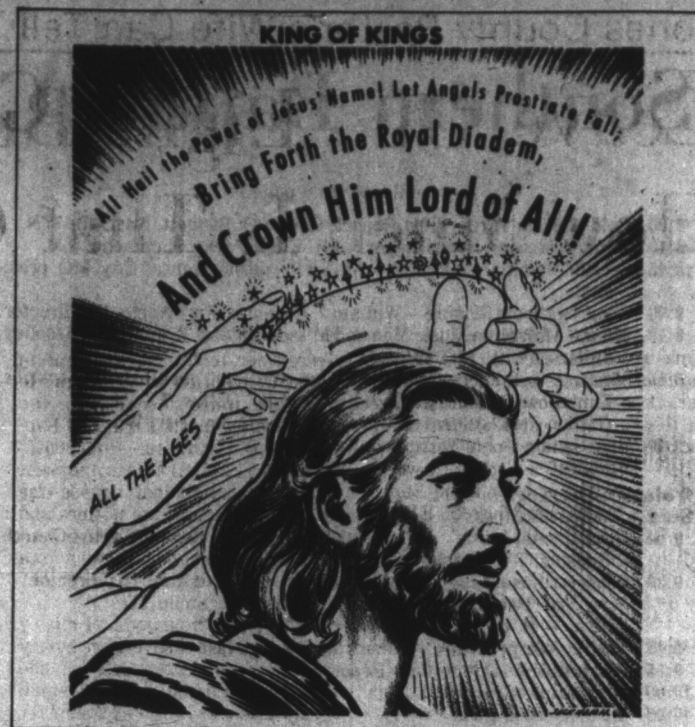
Liquor is dangerous. It is deadly. Why can we not become emotional about that danger and begin to do something about it? We can lick the alcohol trade in Mississippi if we want to, but we won't get it done by sitting on our hands.

#### There's More

But there's more to HB 978 than has been mentioned thus far. There was a bill, HB 412, before the House that would have allowed supervisors and sheriffs to approve liquor outlets in restaurants outside the city limits in wet counties. These establishments are generally referred to as honky-tonks or road houses. That bill was recommended by the House, but the House put its provisions into HB 978 as an amendment. The only difference is that they deleted the word "sheriff" so that the supervisors only can set up a honky-tonk. If this were to become law it would effectively by-pass the efforts of the Alcoholic Beverage Control operation and make graft on a wholesale basis a very real possibility.

In fairness, Stone Barefield of Hattiesburg, who introduced the bill, may not have been responsible for the amendment on road houses. He continues to support the bill, nevertheless.

It is highly possible that by the time the Baptist Record is delivered to its readers this measure will have been dealt with one way or another. If it passes the Senate, it is almost a foregone conclusion that a conference committee from each house will come up with something acceptable to both houses. Then the battle would shift to the governor in an effort to keep him from signing it.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### China In The 1930's

I have read about and heard about the Shantung Revival in China, 1931-1945, an unusual time of spiritual awakening in that country. When I heard that C. L. Culpepper, Sr., retired missionary who was in China during those revival years, was to speak at Calvary Church, Meridian, I decided I would go to hear him.

"Christianity is the answer to our problems," he said — "the answer to government problems, to society's problems, to the world's problems — but it must be lived."

Culpepper was born in Lavaca County, Texas. He was called to the ministry in 1915. He received a degree from Baylor University in 1918, served a short time in the Navy, married Ola Lane, and got a Th.M. degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1922 (and Th.D. later.) In 1923, he and his wife were appointed missionaries to North China. In 1927 he became president of the North China Baptist Theological Seminary. He was arrested by the Japanese at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, but returned to China as



Culpepper and Seal

a liaison officer for the American Army.

He started the All China Baptist Seminary, of which he was president until the Communists took over. Then he transferred to Taiwan and began the Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary.

He retired at age 70, in 1965. Since then he has been leading Bible conferences. (Continued on page 5)

## Letters To The Editor

### Celebration Of Personhood

Editor: I don't remember having ever before written a Letter to the Editor. I feel compelled to write in response to the comments of participants who wrote about the Conference on "A Woman's Place in the Church."

First, let me say that this conference was the finest Christian conference I have ever attended. Put your mind to rest: it was NOT "another attack upon the home." IT WAS a celebration of PERSONHOOD.

I would hope that Mississippi Baptists would come to realize that the ideal set forth in the Bible is that we see one another as persons in need of redemptive, caring ministry rather than judge one another because of things over which one has no control. Dr. Stagg helped us to see that in Christ there is nothing to justify prejudices of any kind — "There is neither Jew nor Greek (no basis for race prejudice); . . . bond nor free (no basis for prejudice on account of social standing or employment status); . . . male nor female (no basis for discrimination on account of gender) FOR YE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS." (Gal. 3:28)

In the past it has been convenient for Southern Baptists through preaching and publication to blame all the woes of society, including the breakdown of the home, on working women. Now that we have a conference that elevates the concern for the person above the condemnation of the way she spends her time, it is perceived immediately as an attack on the home.

Jesus did not elevate the sabbatical rules above the needs of individuals. He did not see the winekins (preconceived notions of religion) as more important than the wine (persons). In

Mississippi there are thousands of Christian working women who need to receive ministry not condemnation from the church.

I would hope that Christian love would not be dispensed nor withdrawn from sisters in Christ because they stand on the Equal Rights Amendment, etc. differs from that of another Christian.

It seems unthinkable to me for Christians to be polarized on issues when we as believers have been commissioned to a ministry of reconciliation. I am convinced that Satan is well pleased when Christians divide into groups to throw darts at each other rather than as one body march forward to beat down the gates of hell by winning the world to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Judge Deborah (a mother in Israel), Queen Esther, Prophetess Huldah, Jael, Naaman's slave girl, Ruth, Mary, Martha, Lydia, Dorcas, Priscilla and numerous other women including the businesswoman wife and mother of Proverbs 31 are Biblical examples of ways that God has used women in the past. It is logical to assume that He is continuing to use women (regardless of vocation or multiplicity of vocations) today.

Mary Libby Payne  
(Mrs. Bobby R. Payne)  
Jackson

### Appreciation For Dr. Odle

Editor: We just learned through Baptist Press that Joe T. Odle, retired editor of the Baptist Record, died. He was my friend and someone I respected and admired. I always looked forward to seeing and visiting with him at the annual state Baptist editors' meetings.

Southern Baptists have lost a loyal supporter, true friend, and great Christian journalist.

Heaven, at least, is richer for his presence there.

James Lee Young, Editor,  
Rocky Mountain Baptist,  
Denver, Colorado

Editor: The day in July, 1963, when Dr. Joe

him say, "Mrs. Campbell, I'm so sorry I have not been able to pay you what I know I'm going to have to pay a man." Then he gave me the most beautiful present I ever had when he said, "You have more business sense than anyone I've ever known."

Working with Dr. Odle and other members of the editorial staff was a great blessing to me. He was the finest Christian gentleman I have ever known. I mourn his passing but I thank God that his illness was not a long, lingering one.

"God is so good"  
Eunice J. Campbell  
Vicksburg

Editor:

We are diminished by the homegoing of Joe Odle.

Through 25 years of working with him in many situations, he was always the exemplary Christian gentleman.

In all respects, Dr. Odle tried to be constructive and helpful and considerate of other people. Never once did I observe him in any way demonstrate littleness of spirit.

Not only the Mississippi Baptist Convention but also the Southern Baptist Convention is better off today because Joe Odle moved for a while in our midst.

Like a great host of his friends across the country, indeed around the world, I shall treasure the memory of his friendship.

Wilmer C. Fields

W. C. Fields, now public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, was Dr. Odle's predecessor as editor of the BAPTIST RECORD. — Editor.

Editor:

I was saddened at the passing of Joe T. Odle, former editor of The Baptist Record.

Although he and I grew up within 12 miles of each other, we did not get to know each other until he was associate executive secretary in Mississippi. Although all of his adult life

Record there was information about the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission Seminar in New York March 24-26, 1979.

I am familiar with some of the people whose names appeared on the speakers list. Jim Guy Tucker, chairman of the White House Conference on Families, spoke on the needs of the family. How could a pro-abortionist be qualified to speak as an authority on the family?

The line-up of speakers was taken out of the world. Why do we need the "counsel" of the world when we have the Word of God as the absolute truth?

Unless one can stand before me with a Word from God, it is foolishness! I Corinthians 3:19a says "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God."

Mrs. Billy Morrow  
Pontotoc

### Hospitality Appreciation

The members of the Sixty Plus Club of First Baptist Church, Soso, Miss., would like to extend to the entire staff of the Baptist Building our sincere thanks for your marvelous hospitality given to us on our recent tour. Everyone was so very kind and helpful. All of you made us feel right at home with your thoughtfulness. You were so patient in answering our questions concerning your work in each department. It is wonderful to know that we help to support all of this with our Cooperative Program giving. We would also like to commend you on the cleanliness of the building. Most of us had never been to the Baptist Building, and now that we have, we can certainly say that we are very proud to be Southern Baptists working together in Mississippi and around the world for the promotion of Jesus Christ.

Sixty Plus Club  
Soso, Mississippi  
Jim Beck  
Pastor

### Gospel in South Dakota

Editor:

much interest in our teachings and practices.

God has provided in a very wonderful way for our Church. We are presently using a building rent-free, and through various expressions of love have been able to acquire items such as piano, tables, folding chairs, offering plates, and communion service that so many people take for granted. We have secured property with a mortgage, and anticipate building a first unit sometime in 1981. Our 14 members have raised \$6,000.00 toward purchase of the property, and in five months have given over \$500 to missions through our association and Cooperative Program.

I would appreciate it if you would either run a change of address in the Record or use this as a letter to the editor so I can get on the mailing list of Churches in Mississippi. We tried to send a change of address card to everyone but there has been a noticeable decrease in Church bulletins since we moved. We miss this since we are 50 miles from our closest Baptist pastor.

In His Wonderful Love  
Ken Pickens  
Box 121  
Miller, SD 57362

### Thanks For Letters

Editor:

I am writing to you to give you and all the people who wrote me, thanks. Most of all, "thanks be to God." The love and the prayers people are sending me, is leading me closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ. If it wasn't for the love, prayers, and the Holy Spirit, I would have already been caught up in the hatred in here. Yes, I have accepted the Lord, Jesus Christ as my Savior and I was reborn in September 1979. I have not had the chance to write everybody yet but I ask you, Mr. McGregor, to let them know I love them for what they have done for me and that I will always be praying for them, too. Let them know I will try in the near future to write to them all. Mr. McGregor, if you could find it in

thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13, 14)

Paul's problem had a divine purpose. In his prison years, he wrote much of the New Testament under the direct guidance of God's Holy Spirit. Had Paul continued to preach and travel, Paul might never have had time to write so many of the books of the Bible which have blessed you and me. I am asking you children of God out there not to feel sorry for me but to rejoice, for we will all meet in God's Kingdom. God bless you all for thinking of me.

One of God's children,  
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### Legislative Help

Editor:

I want to thank you and Mr. Clark Hensley for the information concerning bills before the Legislature in the March 13th Baptist Record. It was so helpful and explained importance, authors, and committees.

I would also thank you for printing "A Case for Abstinence," by Mr. Foy Valentine in the January 24, 1980 Baptist Record. It was one of the best I ever read on this subject. I agree with him that alcohol is mankind's most abused drug and that any alcohol use as a beverage is mis-use. This is a serious matter that must be considered if we are to curb the growing number of alcohol problems that already plague our nation. The least we can do is write and take action on those bills that would cause more liquor to be sold and consumed.

Mrs. Juarez R. Johnson  
Jackson

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# Leave One Light Burning At Church— How Much Is That Going To Cost?

By Anne McWilliams

One light bulb in each of 1900 Baptist churches in Mississippi, burning for a year, at present kilowatt rates, would cost \$72,000, according to Charlotte Clark, pastor's wife at New Hope Baptist Church, Ellisville in Jones County. "Just one light burning doesn't sound like much, but if all those lights were left burning unnecessarily, think of the wasted money and electricity."

Mrs. Clark has compiled information in the promotion of the Christian stewardship of natural resources, and in meeting the budgetary problems due to rising energy costs. She is available for seminars, programs, or consultation in the area of energy conservation.

She completed work for the master's degree in home economics from the University of Southern Mississippi last December, and will receive the degree during graduation exercises in May.

As a project for an energy workshop at USM, she did research and wrote a paper on the topic, "The Church's Role in Energy Conservation." She recalls that the Baptist Sunday School Board

referred her to the North Carolina Baptist Convention which seems to have done more research on the church-energy question than any Baptist group. (Address: Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.) At least they sent her more materials than anyone else did, including attractive posters and pamphlets, one of which pointed out how much one light bulb burning for a year in all North Carolina churches would cost.

"To decrease the amount of money spent on energy is to save more money that can be put into missions," she said. "If a small church with a small budget has to spend a large sum for heat and light, not as much will be left for missions."

As a minister's wife she wanted to make a contribution by using her degree in home economics in some special way to serve the church as she collected information on the churches and energy, she began to realize that this might be her avenue of service.

"We will have to work together to conserve our resources," she said. "So many people really don't believe there is an energy shortage. I think it is the responsibility of the church and of Christians to lead in this. The energy crisis is one way that God is calling us back to Him. He expects us to be good stewards."

She added, "Generation after generation has wasted our resources. This crisis may wake us up and make us see that we can do something now for the generations that are yet to come."

Mrs. Jones is the secretary for the Baptist Student Union at Jones County Junior College. She may be contacted by calling 477-3881 (home) or 477-3973 (office) or by writing Route 3, Box 311-A, Ellisville, MS.

Both she and her husband, Earl Clark, grew up in Lawrence County. New Hope is his first pastorate. He served there two years before enrolling at New Orleans Seminary, and now has returned there.

After Mrs. Clark's picture appeared in the Baptist Record several weeks ago, Nick Williams interviewed her one Monday, on "Mississippi Morning," Channel 12, WJTV, Jackson.

What advice does she offer? She tells churches to be energy-conscious as they budget, to plan ahead for trying to save. "Insulate, and put in storm windows, if the church can afford to do this with present buildings. Consider the energy saving factor for new buildings to go up."

She said that in future churches may have to rethink their programs, to combine more meetings, as many churches now do with Family Night. Or small groups like committees could

meet in smaller rooms, not using so many lights, or meet in a home. Mid-week prayer meetings might in future need to be held in homes, she feels.

"How many churches remember the law to keep the thermostat set at 65?" she wondered aloud. "How many are even aware that this is a law?" She added that it should not have to be a law—that Christians should be willing to enforce this without having to be made to do so.

"We have to learn to live in less comfort. Wear a coat without complaining." She has visited the multi-purpose building at First Church, Natchez, and approves of it. "Heating and cooling one building is better than heating and cooling several buildings."

Also she believes that people ought to practice energy saving habits at home. Those who do will be more likely to remember those habits at church.

"Our stewardship of energy and resources," she insisted, "can be a means of Christians' having a good influence on others, and it may be used as one way of witnessing to the world."

## J. S. Riser, Retired Pastor, Dies At 85

John Sherwood (Sunshine) Riser, 85, twice-retired Baptist minister, died Thursday, April 3, at Hinds General Hospital in Jackson.

A Hinds County native, he was a resident of 1170 Maria Drive, Jackson.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 5, at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, where he was a member. Howard Spell of Clinton, officiated, assisted by Joe Tuten, Calvary pastor.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ruby Hall Culpepper of Meridian; two sons, William Hall Riser of Jackson, Mo., and John Sherwood Riser of Orlando, Fla.; one brother, and three sisters.

Riser received a B.A. degree from Mississippi College in 1921 and Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary in 1926. His pastorates were in Fannin; Cruger; Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian; Durant; Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain, Brazil; and Webb; plus churches in Indiana and at Central Avenue, Memphis.

He retired from the active pastorate on Dec. 31, 1961, but then accepted the "interim pastorate" of Calvary Mission, Jackson, which he held for 8 years.

During World War I he served with the U.S. Navy in France and Germany.

He was moderator of the Tallahatchie County Association for seven years; second vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention one year (1949-50); Convention Board member from Holmes County 1931-34; member of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, 1962-66; and a member of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, for six years.

He was ordained by First Church, Clinton, July 12, 1917.

## Iuka Church Retires Indebtedness

The Iuka Baptist Church acknowledged its debt retirement in the Sunday morning worship, March 9. The church completed a 15-year pay back plan on the sanctuary. The late James L. Broughton was church treasurer during the 15 years.

The consistent giving record of the membership also allowed the full payment of a \$50,000 balloon note. Mission gifts continue to rise. The church gave over \$24,000 to missions last year.

Those participating in the debt retirement ceremony were Mark Hooker and Horace Ledgewood, Co-Chairmen of the Finance Committee; Gene Hall, Chairman of the Trustees; Ferrell Skinner, Chairman of Deacons; Frank Cressett and Mrs. James L. Broughton, assistant treasurers; and the pastor, Charles Damper.

Future renovation and construction is now being studied by the Long Range Planning Committee.

In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current. — Thomas Jefferson

## Wiggins (Leake) Dedicates Building



WIGGINS CHURCH, west of Carthage, met on March 9 at 6 p.m. to dedicate its new fellowship center and sound system, another milestone of progress. Guests were W. C. Smith, Leake County director of missions, Mrs. Smith, and former members.

Those on the building committee were: Otis Arthur, Jimmie D. Arthur, Lamar Thornton, Edwin Johnson, Lloyd Wilder, Perry Stribling and Wayne Thornton, chairman. Thornton, who has spent most of his life in a wheelchair, drew the plans for the addition and was responsible for all materials, builders, etc. A meal was served at the close of the service. Carlton Jones is pastor.

## Spiritual Growth Congress On Schedule In Argentina

By Frances Roberts

ROSARIO, Argentina — Major City Evangelism in the Rosario Baptist Association continued on schedule in this city of one million as church members participated in their second spiritual growth congress.

More than 800 people, representing 32 churches in the association, were present during the closing session. The enlargement campaign does not necessarily emphasize larger Sunday School classes, enrollment or church membership, but does attempt to help church members grow spiritually. Later the association will conduct a stewardship emphasis, helping churches know how to adequately support pastors.

David Haney, director of special lay

ministries of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, and Ervin E. Hasty, associate consultant in evangelism and church development of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, were on hand for the growth congress. Hasty has been working with the program since 1977, helping the association to formulate goals and objectives, and is serving as consultant to the association for the MCE program.

Plans through 1980 for the Rosario campaign include giving public concerts; presenting testimonies by athletes, musicians, and professional people; and providing campaign coverage by means of radio, TV and newspapers to saturate Rosario with the gospel.

## Fall From Train Spells New Life For Arab Boy

GAZA (BP) — As Ghanim Abu Shihada was baptized last Easter, 1979, his Southern Baptist missionary friends remembered the first time they saw him, nearly 10 years earlier.

An adventurous 11-year-old, Ghanim and some other boys had decided it would be fun to jump on a slowly moving train. Ghanim fell beneath the train. Barely alive and with his right arm and leg nearly severed, he was brought to Baptist Hospital in Gaza.

The missionary doctor amputated his arm and leg and repaired his fractured skull. His parents hoped he would die because they could not afford to support a deformed child.

But the missionaries at the hospital wanted him to live. J. D. Hughey recalled as he told Ghanim's story in a March report to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Tenderly the

hospital staff cared for Ghanim, and loved him.

A missionary journeyman gave Ghanim a Gospel of John in Arabic, which one of the nurses read to him. They assured him of God's love and told him about the special love Jesus brings when you allow him in your heart.

When he was better the missionaries gave him his own room at the hospital, taught him English and sent him to school. Later he worked as the hospital telephone operator.

Last year Ghanim, who had been born into a Muslim family, was baptized. Now he is a computer programming student at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, Miami, Okla. He serves as international counselor for his college's Baptist Student Union and has spoken at churches and on television.

## Construction Consultants Help Eliminate Building Worries

By Mary Knox

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — Summer growing pains will come with less-than-usual trauma this year for many Southern Baptist churches.

That's because seven volunteers are spending winter and spring months helping congregations plan for families that other volunteers will help to build — when warmer weather finally arrives.

The volunteers are construction consultants for the special mission ministries department of the Southern

Baptist Home Mission Board. They help churches know the resources available and how to make the best use of them, said Bill Wilson, the board's special mission ministries consultant. His duties include directing the consulting service and coordinating volunteer adult construction groups assigned by the board.

The consultants also help Wilson assign the proper number of volunteer construction crews to each church — a task that affects the stewardship of time and talents for hundreds of people.

"Last summer, we assigned 86 groups to work on 49 churches all across the United States," he said. "We'll probably send out over 100 groups — 1,500 people — to about 75 churches this year."

"With that many projects handled through the Home Mission Board's office in Atlanta — often thousands of miles from the churches — communication can fail, resulting in stalled construction efforts," he explained. "That's why we decided to create this

consulting service."

"Now, we don't have to worry about trying to work out long-distance details with someone who may or may not know anything about construction," he said. "Our consultant can meet with a church's building committee and make sure it is on the right track."

Wilson said the service should benefit both the churches and the volunteer construction groups. Churches will be assured of having the manpower to finish their buildings, and construction crews will be assured of having necessary preparations completed when they arrive on the scene.

The consultants also work in cooperation with the Baptist Sunday School Board's church architecture department and the Home Mission Board's church loans division.

Input from those groups adds depth to the long-term architectural and financial planning offered by the service, available without cost to churches in "new work" areas planning to build, Wilson said.

## Soviet Soldiers Refuse To Shoot Afghans, Are Executed

GLENDALE, Calif. (EP) — Seven Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan, all members of the underground Baptist Church, were recently executed for refusing to shoot at Afghan nationals, according to a missionary group here with ties in the Soviet Union.

Lutheran Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, head of the evangelical Jesus to the Communist World, said the seven Baptists, all from Tashkent, were conscientious objectors who had, nevertheless, been shipped to Afghanistan as part of the Soviet invasion forces.

Wurmbrand said an incident had oc-

curred where the seven had refused orders to shoot "the enemy." They were summarily executed by firing squad, he said, and their bodies shipped back to their families in Tashkent. Tashkent is a city in the Turkmen Soviet republic, which borders Afghanistan.

## L. R. Massey, Baptist Minister, Dies In Newton

Lawrence Ray Massey, Baptist minister, died March 22, in Newton Hospital after a long illness. He was approaching his 84th birthday.

Funeral services were at his home church, Fellowship in Jasper County, Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m. Officiating ministers were his pastor, Gerry Copeland, and Gordon Cowan and Allen Parnell.

Churches he served as pastor, in his 54 years of ministry, were Corinth, Stringer, Edon, Louin, Antioch, Lake Como, Ebenezer (now disbanded), all in Jasper County; First, Stonewall, Pine Hill, and Souenlovie in Clark County; New Sardis (10 years), Oak Grove, Ted, High Hill, and Goodwater (was in Smith County 20 years); Rock Hill in Covington; and First, Silas and Insey churches in Choctaw County, Alabama. He retired from New Sardis (Smith).

His wife, Mrs. Wilmer B. Massey, who survives him, lives at Route 1, Box 44, Hickory, Ms. 39332. Other survivors included a twin sister, Mrs. Florence May Shepherd of Terry, and many nephews and nieces.

Massey was a World War I veteran, a member of the American Legion, and a Mason.

His wife states, "This man lived a full life and useful life, humbly serving his God and doing good to his fellow man. He was a faithful prayer partner with his fellow ministers. He always spoke a spiritual word of encouragement to both young and old. In his 54 years in the ministry, he left the pay to the Lord and his people, and he never suffered a day."

## Think Spring

Rise earlier than usual to watch the sun come up.

Make a date to meet a friend for lunch.

Clean up the mess in the garage. Then clean the house, office, cupboard, or trunk of the car.

Explore some little out-of-the-way place.

Do something nice, something unexpected, for a member of your family.

Smile greetings to friends and neighbors as well as to new people you meet.

Write a note to an older person or shut-in.

Hike through a nearby woods with someone to share your thoughts.

Think of the joy in seeing, hearing, thinking, and believing.

Find satisfaction in being what you are.

Live each day to its fullest.

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## Faces and Places . . .

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ences and preaching revivals. He is now Distinguished Professor of Missions and Theology, Mid-America Seminary, Memphis.

Long hours in prayer for many of the Chinese Christians preceded the revival. Culpepper recalled one prayer meeting that lasted four days and four nights.

"God demands wholeness," he said. "He demands that we live right. We can't do it ourselves, but we can with Him. We ought every day to have a repentant attitude."

Miss Pearl Caldwell, Mississippi missionary, was in China during the decade of the 30's too, and also experienced events of the Shantung Revival.

Culpepper said, "Miss Caldwell was one of the finest missionaries I ever saw." He added, "Revival broke out. When a woman who had been paralyzed from the waist down for 28 years was healed, I went to her province to find out more. Miss Caldwell came to me and said, 'If ever I heard of a miracle, Mrs. Chong is one. I've known her for 30 years.'"

Then he went on with the story as told to him by Miss Caldwell: "We would meet at Mrs. Chong's house sometimes for worship services, because she could not go to church. She is a vital Christian, a woman of prayer. One day she heard God speaking to her heart, saying that if the church would pray for her she would be healed."

"She sent word to the pastor and told him what she had heard God saying to her. The pastor and about 50 church members met together, and we took Mrs. Chong to the church. As she sat in a chair beside the Lord's Supper Table, all of us knelt and prayed for her."

"For some reason I felt impelled to look up — and saw Mrs. Chong rise from her chair. I felt as if a streak of lightning had hit me and I cried out, 'Look! Mrs. Chong is walking!' And all the congregation watched her walk across the front of the church."

For the first time in 28 years Mrs. Chong bought herself a pair of shoes. Miss Pearl and many of the other church members would get their Bibles and start out early in the morning and walk all day, telling people about Jesus. "At night they would gather at the church," Culpepper said, "just bubbling, describing persons they had told that day about Jesus. They would pray a while together and then study the Bible."

Culpepper continued with experiences like this for nearly an hour. Indeed, he has written a book about those times. For Christians living now, he says, "We have all the courage that God can give us, if we will just let God."

The pastor, Otis Seal, quoted a prayer he once heard Culpepper pray: "Help us not to fill our lives up with good things, to the exclusion of the best."



## Not Alta Woods!

# "We've Been Ostriches Too Long; Torn Lives Need Care, Compassion"

By Anne McWilliams

(Note: This is the third of five articles on ministries to singles in Jackson churches. The five churches were interviewed for an article to be published in *Christian Single* magazine.)

The Formerly Married Sunday School class at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, (Charles Myers, pastor) has earned a good reputation, and many people all over the Jackson area, and even further afield, know about it. It is filling a need that possibly quite a few other churches need to try to fill. Men and women whose own churches did not offer such a ministry have joined the class, coming occasionally even from other towns and other denominations.

Since Nell Stanley started teaching the class in October, 1973, with three women, it has grown to an enrollment of around 120, all either divorced or widows or widowers. Men and women are included, ages 20s up to 50, but most are in their 30s. All meet together in a large assembly room.

"We tried dividing into smaller classes," Mrs. Stanley said, "but attendance dropped sharply, so we went back to our original arrangement." Fifty or sixty are present every week; the highest in one Sunday was 91.

The main purposes of the class are (1) to worship God and (2) to get life going again in the right direction and with the right perspective.

The attractive white-haired, brown-eyed Nell Stanley, mother of two, became a widow in 1973, after a marriage of 24 years. Her husband, previously chairman of deacons at the 2500-member church, died of a brain tumor. Now Nell recalls: "I had to learn to accept myself as a single

again. I didn't seem to fit with couples my age any more. When I was asked to start this class, it was an answer to prayer." Always before she had taught children, usually of kindergarten age.

The class helps to meet social, physical, and emotional needs as well as spiritual. "We are like one big family," the teacher said. "Being a friend to all of them is my joy and my aim. I long for them to have a feeling of assurance that life is not over, and to know what a blessing they can be if they let the Lord lead."

At first they had Saturday night coffees, every week, but this has changed to one major monthly social activity, such as a progressive dinner or a barbecue or a party on a houseboat at the reservoir. Since Mrs. Stanley is day care and after school director for the Southwest YMCA, her class often meets for Family Nights at the Y, the single parents bringing their children to skate or play volleyball or other games.

The class has "adopted" a 29-year-old paralyzed Vietnam veteran, Bucky Sullivan; they go in a van to visit him at D'Lo. He told them, "You have inspired me to live again."

Since she works with at least 600 children during summers at the Y, Mrs. Stanley has an opportunity to meet the children's parents. If any of the parents are single, she finds an opportunity to visit and invite them to Sunday School. Weekly she drives a van to church and picks up class members and their children along the way.

With so many members in the class, the need to visit is constant. "I would like for this ministry to be my regular full-time work," she said. Already it is that, to some degree, for her phone rings at all hours, and she is always ready to listen or to help. "We all draw strength from each other," she says. "If some feel rejected or unloved, if some can't accept love without suspicion, the others of us try to understand. If some have physical needs that are acute, we try to help. Sometimes women who have been living in expensive houses, after a divorce find themselves without a job, with children to see after, and with little income. Their electricity may be cut off or they may be hungry. If this happens to a member of our class, we want to be aware of it and help wherever we can. If there is an alcoholic in the class, we do not want him or her to feel rejected by any of us, but offer our love and friendship in every way we know how to do."

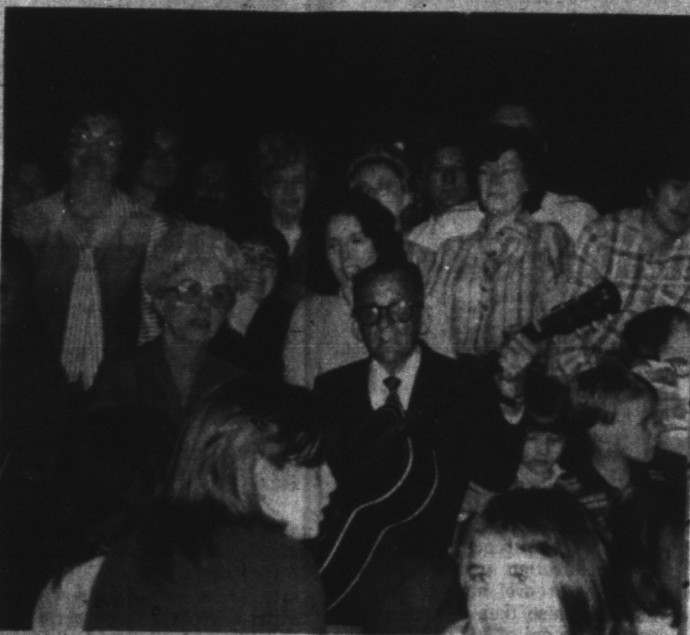
She added, "From time to time, some have disappointed me. But others who have grown in Christ are worth all the hours and efforts. One former member of this class is now a lay speaker with the Gleasons in Atlanta."

lanta."

"Torn Lives," a report published in England, has revealed a "tidal wave" of divorce which affects thousands of children and their parents." One statement in the report is this: "We have acted as ostriches for too long." Alta Woods is one church that has taken its head out of the sand and is providing a ministry of compassionate caring for "torn lives."



Alta Woods singles go in van to visit Bucky Sullivan, Vietnam veteran at D'Lo.



Saturday night Family Night for Alta Woods singles is sometimes at the Southwest YMCA, and the children of single parents are invited.

## 114,000 Register For April Rally In Washington

WASHINGTON (EP) — More than 114,000 Christians from various parts of the United States have already re-

I use not only the brains I have, but all I can borrow. — Woodrow Wilson



A party on a houseboat at Barnett Reservoir is a popular singles activity, especially in summer.

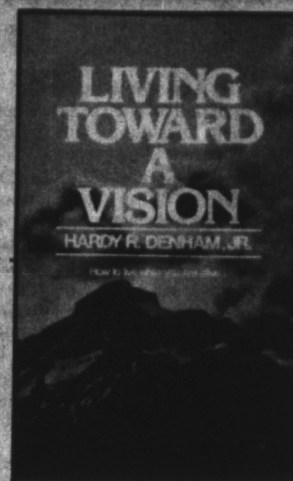
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Nell Stanley, left, and Sylvia Watson model at Tacky Party.



# Just For The Record . . .



WEST SHADY GROVE CHURCH, WEBSTER COUNTY, burned the note March 2 on its education annex constructed less than two years ago and already paid for. Five classrooms and a pastor's study were completed at a cost of \$17,836.58. Men of the church did much of the work.

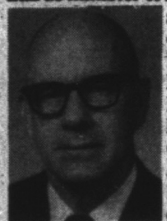
Former pastor Bill Baker, now pastor of West Ripley Church, spoke at the dedication service. Building Committee members were: Marion Hodges, chairman, Sam Bailey, Lou Bailey, Johnny Bailey, Kathy Bailey, Harold Rowe, Vernon White, Larry Atkins, Pascal Hodges, Preston Pearson, Jim Murphy, and George Salley. L. Gerald Castillo is the pastor. (Photo by Joe Bailey)

## Staff Changes

Parkey, Jackson County, has called Rob Catrett as director of bus ministry and children's church.

Magnolia Church, Jackson County, has called Billy Bass as pastor. His wife Linda is a nurse at Singing River Hospital.

Griffin Street, Moss Point has announced the additions of Lamar Callahan as minister of music. Callahan has served as minister of music at Arlington Heights, Kreole Avenue, and First Baptist of Helena in Jackson County. He manages Broussard's Music Center, Pascagoula. His wife, Ann is office manager at the Gary Smith Agency, Inc.



The Callahans have one son, Lowrey, who is married and lives in Columbia, S. C., and one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Mason who lives in Helena. The Callahans make their home on Misty Meadows Drive, Escatawpa.

Noel Brock is interim pastor of Valley Grove Church, Pontotoc County.

Ed Knox of Calvary Church, Holly Springs, has accepted the call to become pastor of Chesterville, Calvary, Pontotoc County. He will move into the new pastorial the latter part of April.

Tommy Anthony has accepted the position of minister of activities and youth at First Church, Natchez. He will lead in planning, conducting, and evaluating a program of Christian recreation and activities for all age groups and will assist in the youth education ministry of the church.

Anthony is a native of Jackson, and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He formerly served at First Church, Temple, Tex. He and his wife, Anna, are the parents of a baby girl.

Thomas D. Ownby has been called as pastor of the Dundee Church in Dundee, Miss. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ownby of Knoxville, Tenn. His wife is the former Gayle Byrd of Knoxville. The Ownbys have three children. He is enrolled at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.

Jim Lott has accepted a call as minister of music and youth at First Church, Pearl, and has moved there from Calvary Church, Greenwood. He is married to the former Kaye Keen of Gulfport. They have two girls, Mary and Amanda.



Lott

The Real Life Concert Ministries will present the Cruse family and Tulsa Bonnie Laughlin in concert on April 12 at 7 p.m. at William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

Advance tickets for \$3 are available at Autry's and the Sheepshed in Hattiesburg.

The Cruse Family has recorded 14 long playing albums in the past ten years.



Acteens of West Corinth Church, Corinth, held a Chinese Tea on March 23, for members of BYW and WMU. Chinese artifacts were displayed in the fellowship hall, the location of the tea. The Acteens gave a program on Chinese lifestyles and customs.

Ann Barnes reported on several aspects of the Chinese way of life. Rozanne Pratt discussed Southern Baptist work with Chinese people in the United States. Bonnie Franks, with the assistance of Mattie Putt and Linda Pratt, demonstrated the art of making paper flowers.

The Acteens were dressed in Chinese attire and served several native dishes as refreshments. Left to right are: Sherry Oakman, leader, Ann Barnes, Bonnie Franks, Rozanne Pratt, and Teresa Lewis, leader.

Gershom Church, Pontotoc County, has put on a new roof, installed stained glass windows and almost completed a new baptistry. Pastor Parlee Tutor reports 17 baptisms and 10 additions by letter since the first of the year.

Graceland Church, Jackson County, dedicated its new auditorium on March 16. Pastor Tom Byrge indicates that the new building will meet present needs and will provide room for expansion in the future.

## 1st, Starkville, Names Building For Applegate, Pastor Emeritus

The new education-music building at First Church, Starkville, to be completed in June, has been named the "Applegate Building" in honor of the pastor emeritus, D. C. Applegate, who served this church as its pastor from 1954 until his retirement in 1971.

The unanimous action of the church came in response to the recommendation of the Building Steering Committee and the deacons.

The education building completed in 1956 is known as the "Ray Memorial Building" in memory of J. D. Ray, pastor 1917-1947.

Applegate, who was forced to retire early due to the onset of multiple sclerosis, still resides along with his wife, Kate, in Starkville. When his health permits, he attends church in his wheelchair.

A native of Arkansas, he graduated from Arkansas State College and Southwestern Seminary. After serving as pastor in Memphis, Paragould, Ark., and Seminole, Okla. he moved to Starkville in 1954. He has served the Mississippi Baptist Convention in a variety of ways. He served as President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Chairman of Committee in Student Work and other committees, as well as a member of various other committees. He was also a member of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Applegates have one daughter, Mrs. Sharon Nobles. She and her husband Ralph are members of First Baptist Church, Starkville. They have two children, Mark and Kay.

## Rankin Association Will Meet April 14

The spring meeting of Rankin County Baptist Association will be held Monday, April 14, at First Church, Brandon, beginning at 6:45 p.m. with special music.

Emerson Tedder, moderator, will preside.

James Smith, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, will bring the message on Bold Missions. A report will be presented on mission opportunities in Nevada by R. S. Rice and Tony Kinton. A special feature will be presented by Leesburg Baptist Church on "Men and Missions Today."

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## Off the Record

Three men were in the hospital waiting room when the nurse came from the maternity ward.

She said to the first man, "Sir, you're the father of twins."

"Hey! Isn't that a coincidence?" he replied. "I'm a member of the Minnesota Twins baseball team."

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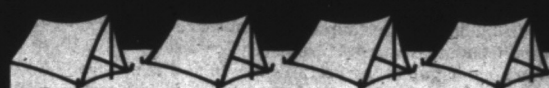
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## Names In The News . . .

\* Ted David Wylie, a former missionary to the Philippines, has been named to the position of assistant professor of voice and vocal music at New Orleans Seminary by the institution's Board of Trustees, according to President Landrum P. Leavell, II. The Cushing, Oklahoma native's faculty recommendation for election was presented to the Board by J. Hardee Kennedy, Vice President for Academic Affairs. The appointment is effective August 1, 1980. Currently a visiting professor of music at the seminary, Wylie has served as minister of music in several Southern Baptist churches, including the Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia.

Mark M. Alexander Jr., missionary, was named 1980 chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina. He is a native of Norfolk, Va. His wife is the former Cecile Price of Corinth, Miss. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, they may be addressed at Casilla 344, 76000 Mar del Plata, Argentina.

William Augustus Carleton, dean emeritus of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., died March 28 in a San Rafael, Calif., hospital. The 75-year-old educator had been ill for several months. One of Carleton's last appearances at Golden Gate Seminary was in October when he was presented the Harold K. Graves award for outstanding service to the institution. Carleton was named distinguished professor of church history at Golden

Gate in 1970 following his retirement as academic dean and vice president. He had been professor of church history at the seminary since 1953. He was elected academic dean in 1956 and vice president in 1959. In 1972, he was named dean emeritus.

Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has named three 1980 Alumni of the Year. They are Dotson Nelson, a former Mississippian now pastor of Mountain Brook Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Sarah Ann Hobbs, an Alabamian and a graduate of Judson College, Marion, Ala., now director of missions for the North Carolina Baptist Convention; and C. R. Daley, editor of the Western Recorder, state paper of Kentucky Baptists. These three will be given special recognition at a Southern Seminary luncheon during the 1980 meeting of the SBC in St. Louis.

Mrs. Ann Sheffield has painted a scene in the baptistry of Cook Memorial Church, Pontotoc County, in memory of her infant son. C. C. Ritchie, Jr. is the Cook Memorial pastor.

The Music Department of Mississippi College will present Bobbie Hughes Smith in her graduate organ recital on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. Smith is presently organist at Alta Woods Baptist Church. She is also an instructor of piano, organ and theory at Wesley College, Florence, Ms. Previously she was organist for First Church, Florence, and First Church of Jackson, Ms.

Her pre-college music study was with Mrs. B. H. Kenna. She received her Bachelor of Music with Honors

from Mississippi College in 1970. Her recital program will include major organ works from all periods of music, including such American composers as Charles Ives, Gardner Read, and Dale Wood. The recital is free, and the public is invited.

The Blue Mountain College Department of Music will present Carolyn Lynn McChesney in her senior organ recital on Thursday, April 17, in Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church at 8 p.m. McChesney, a candidate for the B.A. degree with a double major in music and Bible, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon McChesney of Poplar Grove, Ark. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in West Helena. The recital, which is open to the public, is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree, and will include works by Bruhns, Bach, Widor, and Rorem.

Richmond, Va. — Southern Baptist missionary William D. Bender, a Kansas native, has been asked to serve as administrative assistant to Samuel T. Ola Akande, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for West Africa, says this is a significant move because it will provide for closer ties between the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries and the convention. Bender expects to assume the position July 1.

A man's being in a good or bad humor depends upon his will. — Samuel Johnson

## Revival Dates

Ramah Church (Franklin County): April 6-11; Bill Stroud, Jackson, Tenn., evangelist; J. C. Walker, Weatherford, Tex., singer; Wayne Sanders, pastor.

Hanging Moss Church, Jackson, April 13-18; Ron Meyer, pastor of Gentilly Church, New Orleans, preaching; Genter Stevens, music professor at New Orleans Seminary and minister of music at Gentilly, directing the singing; Sunday a covered dish lunch will be served and the services will be at 10:50 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. services at 7:30 p.m.; Cecil Brasell, pastor.

Good Hope Church, Richton: April 13-18; Troy A. Surral, Pass Christian, evangelist; Francis Holder, pastor; R. L. Lassiter, music director; two services Sunday, with lunch at the church; each night at 7:30.

Indian Springs Church (Perry): April 11-13; Floyd Tharp, a former pastor of the church, guest speaker; music under direction of Randy Cuchens, minister of music at Indian Springs; services at 7 p.m.; James Shoemaker, pastor.

Rocky Point (Leake): April 18-20; a team from Mississippi State University, directing; Joey Brent, preacher; Mrs. Joey Brent, to tell a Bible story to the children Sunday morning; Walley Majors, leading the music; Karen Grissoms, pianist; Curtis E. James, pastor; a puppet show Friday night at 7 under the direction of Lita Moore, and a worship service to follow; a youth cook-out at the church on Saturday at 5:30 p.m., with a worship service following; Sunday worship services at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Shady Grove Church, Lucedale: April 14-20; Allen C. Johnson, Baker, La., evangelist; Ralph Young, music evangelist; special services for the children and youth each night, 6:30-7 led by Young; song service begins each night Mon.-Fri. 7:15; Sunday services, regular times; N. H. Smith, pastor.

First Church, Pearl: April 20-24; Sonny Adkins, evangelist; Jim Lott, music director; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. at 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Eastview, Meridian (Lauderdale): April 20-25; Bill Fox, evangelist, from West Virginia; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Towfig Batarseh, pastor.

Overt Church (Jones): April 30-May 4; Wed.-Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Terry Long, evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, music; Billy Dowdy, pastor.

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# Offerings Yield Scholarships For Missionary Children: MKs

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The scholarships for MKs (children of missionaries) provided by Southern Baptists' offerings for missions in 1980 have a seventy-five year history of the Baptist family at work.

An expression of love for MKs triggered the idea for educational help in 1905 during the lifetimes of Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon. Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) promotes the home missions offering names for Miss Armstrong, first executive officer of WMU. The foreign missions offering, named for Miss Moon, missionary to China from 1873-1912, also is promoted by WMU.

Miss Armstrong was instrumental in 1905 in establishing the Margaret Home, which provided the endowment for the Margaret Fund scholarships for MKs. Mrs. Kate Waller Chambers of New York asked Miss Armstrong to

help her find a way to assist foreign missionary children in school in the United States.

Mrs. Chambers had grown up in a Baptist minister's home. She had been active in missionary work in Alabama. She moved to New York after her marriage to Frank Chambers. They met and entertained missionaries in their home in New York, a point of departure to and return from foreign countries.

Mary and Bessie McCloy, daughters of missionaries to China, lived with the Chambers as young girls.

A gift of \$10,000 to WMU from Mrs. Chambers bought the Margaret Home in Greenville, South Carolina. The home, and later the scholarship fund, were named for three "Margarets" in Mrs. Chambers' family: her grandmother, mother and daughter.

Young missionary children came to

live from 1905-13 in the Margaret Home, a large white house with chickens and a horse and wagon on the grounds. Improvement of schools on mission fields enabled more missionary children to receive their pre-college training where their parents were assigned. Therefore, the Margaret Home was sold and money from the sale was used to establish the Margaret Fund.

The Margaret Fund has provided \$8,115,968 in scholarships for college, university and seminary for MKs from 1916-79. The fund assisted children of foreign missionaries only from 1916-38. WMU was able to use the fund to assist children of both foreign and home missionaries beginning in 1938. All nations have been included since 1938 in the Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings for home and foreign missions to supplement interest on the Margaret Fund endowment and gifts from state WMUs.

The 1980 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions has an allocation of \$165,000 for Margaret Fund scholarships for children of home missionaries. The 1980 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has an allocation of \$800,000 for Margaret Fund scholarships for children of foreign missionaries.

The Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board have awarded the scholarships since 1961. WMU grants special scholarships from interest on trust funds.

Students receiving Margaret Fund scholarships in 1980 include about 200 home MKs and 600 foreign MKs.

Many MKs receiving Margaret Fund scholarships attend Baptist schools throughout the country. Others are enrolled at state or private schools such as Texas A&M University and Princeton University.

Baptist schools with larger MK enrollments include: Baylor University, Samford University, Ouachita Baptist University, Hardin-Simmons University, Oklahoma Baptist University, California Baptist College, Furman University, Carson-Newman College and Southwest Baptist College.

The Margaret Fund grew from a woman's love for missionary children. WMU in churches, associations and states have opportunities today to meet MKs attending local colleges and universities.

Doris DeVault, coordinator of special services for the national office of WMU, said that some churches and associations deliver birthday cakes or boxes of homemade "goodies" to MKs.

## Plainway Marks Pastor Ishee's 30th Year

April 6 marked the 30th anniversary of the pastorate of Harold C. Ishee at Plainway Church, Laurel. On this date the church observed "homecoming" with "dinner on the grounds," and began revival services. James Messer, pastor of Louin Church, is the evangelist.

Plainway began as the Joe Wheeler Mission in February of 1950. Ishee began his service with the mission on the first Sunday of April the same year. At that time there were nine members; now there are more than 650. During this time the church has baptized 534.

In 1956 the church relocated at the present address on the Corner of Highway 15 North at 12th Street.

Last year the church gave \$15,839.00 through the Cooperative Program, with a total of \$22,212.00 for missions. The church property, including a family life building, is valued at more than \$25,000, with an indebtedness of less than \$48,000.

Ishee is the only pastor the church has ever had; this has been his only pastorate.

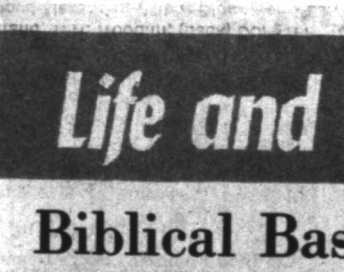
I cannot afford to waste my time making money. — Louis Agassiz



## Second, Calhoun City Dedicates Building

Second Church, Calhoun City, recently dedicated its new fellowship hall and the renovation of its church building. Buford Urry, former pastor, brought the dedication message. Marvin Bibb, Calhoun director of missions, led the dedicatory prayer. T. H. Woodfin directed the music, accompanied by Donald Pendergrast, pianist, and Mrs. Wilbur Blount, organist.

Building Committee members are pictured from left (front): Jimmy Ramage, Mary Lou Brand, Jean Pendergrast, Edward Pendergrast, pastor, James Jones, Albert Brand, T. H. Woodfin; (back) Donald Pendergrast, James Fleming, Gordon Logan, Floyd Alexander, Wilbur Blount, and Earl Mayhan.



## Devotional A Touch of Glory

By Ruby K. Poole, Macon

Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (II Corinthians 5:17).

Jesus Christ is the expression of God's glory. The "glory" of God in the Bible means the "presence" of God. Jesus Christ is the very presence of God, the exact representation of His being.

About three years ago a young man in our church in his early thirties accepted Christ. Watching him grow in the Lord has been one of the joys of my life. Prior to his experience I knew very little about him, although I did run into him quite frequently because he does public work in our city. He was always very quiet, polite, and somewhat shy.

It was Laymen's Day and we had the privilege of hearing another young man's testimony of God's saving grace in his own life. It seemed to be just what Doyle needed and wanted. As he walked the aisle for Jesus, I saw a touch of glory on his face that only love and forgiveness can bring when we seek His face. But the greatest blessing of all is every time I see him, he still has that touch of glory.

Since that time I'm sure he's had moments of frustration, doubt, fear, and even much temptation. But he's always in church for every occasion, eager to learn and serve. And you can look at him and tell he knows where his strength comes from. (Mrs. Poole is wife of Hugh Poole, pastor of First Church, Macon.)

## Seven Calhoun Churches Sing In County Choir Festival

Seven churches sent 126 participants to the first Calhoun Baptist Association Choir Festival, held at First Church, Bruce, on March 29. Over 200 attended. The program was under direction of Jerry Carter, associational music director.

The churches, directors and participants included Banner: director, John Gray, trio, duet, solo; Bruce, First: director, Jerry Carter and Mrs. Jackie Brown, Adult Choir; Sunshine



Choir; Derma: director, Mrs. Nell Cole, Ladies' Ensemble, Adult Choir; New Liberty: directors, Mrs. Janet Ramage and Mrs. Geraldine Fleming, Junior Choir, Adult Choir; Pleasant Hill: director, Mrs. Judy Caples, Youth Ensemble; Poplar Springs: director, Mrs. Rosanne Schwalenberg, Adult Choir; Rocky Branch: director, Mrs. Carolyn Dorris, Junior Choir, trio.

Plans are underway for extension of the festival, to make it an annual affair.

### Silence

I had a very fine friend in India some time ago who had such a benign calmness about him that just being in his company brought a feeling of peace and serenity. One day I asked him how he maintained such evenness of disposition in a world of rushed and harried people.

"Silence is the greatest refresher I know," he said.

I wasn't astonished, for I did not anticipate an ordinary answer. But again I questioned him, "Just how does one put silence to work?"

"You simply enjoy it," he said with a broad smile. "Normally the senses bring so much sight, sound, and other things to us that they engage most of our time. However, to sit in the silence — to be alone with God — now and then, with the outside world withheld, is to liberate the mind so that it can become itself." — David M. Sassoon

## First, Tutwiler Honors "A Background Disciple"

March 9 was set aside by First Church, Tutwiler, as W. G. MOORE DAY. Moore, a long-time resident of Tutwiler, was honored as a part of the church's emphasis on church loyalty. A covered-dish dinner in the church's fellowship hall, under direction of Mrs. Jerry Orman, chairman of the Social Committee.

Special music was provided by the church choir and the Men's Trio, in which Moore's son, Bill, sings.

S. M. Henriques, Jr., pastor, preached a sermon entitled "A Background Disciple," taken from the life of James, son of Alphaeus, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus.



W. G. Moore stands in front of a display prepared by Mrs. Mabel Callicott, honoring Moore for his loyalty and service to First Church, Tutwiler.

## Bible Book Series

### Instructions About Altar Offerings

By J. Roy McComb, Pastor  
First, Columbia  
Leviticus 1:1-10:20

These verses of Leviticus give instructions to the people concerning the offerings they are to make to God, and to the priests on how the offerings are to be made. In Exodus God had given specific instructions concerning the tabernacle. In Leviticus God gives specific instructions concerning worship in the tabernacle.

#### I. The Altar Offerings (1:1-1:7)

Concerning these offerings: (1) It is taken for granted that people would be inclined to bring offerings to the Lord. Everything therefore, is directed to be done with due decorum according to a certain rule so that the sacrifices might be most significant, both of the great sacrifice of atonement which Christ was to offer in the fullness of time and also of the spiritual sacrifices which believers should offer daily. (2) Provisions are made in the instructions to prohibit man from indulging in his own fancies, imaginations, and inventions. (3) It should be observed that God is doing the speaking and thus is giving these laws to Israel through Moses. Thus, the laws of the offerings are God given. (4) God spoke to Moses out of the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was the place where God had come down to reside to meet with the people.

The following general comments may be made concerning the altar sacrifices: (1) The offering must be the best the offerer had. (2) The offerer must offer it voluntarily. (3) It must be offered at the door of the Tabernacle. (4) The offerer must be identified with his offering. (5) The offering must be made in a devout religious manner. (6) The offering made atonement for the soul. (7) The offering was to be decently and orderly divided and presented unto the Lord. (8) The sacrifice was a sweet smelling savor unto God. Christ's offering of himself to God is said to be of a sweet smelling savor (Ephesians 5:2). The spiritual sacrifices of Christians are said to be acceptable to God through Christ (I Peter 2:5).

Five offerings are mentioned in this section of Leviticus:

1. The Burnt Offering (1:1-1:7) — The Burnt Offering was a major form of sacrifice in Israel. The offering of the gift was to be at the entrance of the sanctuary. The worshiper places his hand on the victim's head. The victim

is slaughtered at the altar. The blood is thrown against the altar. The animal is divided into pieces. The sacrifice is burned upon the altar. The Lord designs the burnt offering so that no Israelite will be left out. The offering could be made from the herd or from the flock or from a bird. The purpose of the Burnt Offering was to make atonement in the sense of a gift that honors God. The entire offering was burned and the blood was sprinkled.

The Burnt Offering is basic to all the other offerings. It was completely burned up while the other offerings were not. The Burnt Offering was a gift that the offerer made wholly to God, and kept nothing for self. The offering in particular recognizes the sovereignty of God. It is an act of worship that expresses total obedience.

2. The Cereal Offering (2:1-16) — The Cereal Offering affirmed that it was the everyday life of men and women which was to be devoted to God and was to be blessed by him. The ritual of the Cereal Offering is as follows: (1) Preparation of the offering. (2) Bringing the offering to the sanctuary. (3) Separation of the special portion. (4) Burning the offered portion upon the altar by the priest. The purpose of the Cereal Offering was to express thanksgiving to God and indicate reliance upon God daily. Only a handful of the offering was burned on the altar. The remaining part was for all of the priests.

3. The Peace Offering (3:1-17) — In the Peace Offering three types of domestic animals could be used for the offering, a bull or cow, a sheep, or a goat. The Peace Offering could be either male or female, whereas the Burnt Offering had to be a male. The purpose of the Peace Offering was to express joy and happiness of fellowship both with God and one's fellow man. In offering the Peace Offering the fat was burned and the blood sprinkled. The breast and right shoulder were for the priests. The remaining portions of the offering were for the worshiper. This sacrifice often led to a festival time with family and friends.

4. The Sin Offering (4:1-5:13) — The Sin Offering is an offering to secure atonement for sins committed in ignorance. If a man should do what God had forbidden or leave undone what God had commanded through ignorance of the law, he must as soon as

his guilt is known make an offering of sacrifice. No man is to suppose that his ignorance is an excuse for his sin. The first group mentioned for whom the Sin Offering is designed is the anointed priests. If a priest sins he is to bring a young bull without blemish to the Lord for a sin offering. He is to put his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the veil. He is to put some of it on the horns of the altar, and to pour the remaining part at the bottom of the Altar of Burnt Offerings.

The second group for whom the Sin Offering is designed is the congregation of Israel. The ritual is the same except that the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bull before the Lord.

The third group mentioned for whom the Sin Offering is designed is the ruler group. They are to follow the same procedure as the congregation of Israel.

The fourth group mentioned is the common people. The same procedure is to be followed.

5. The Trespass Offering (5:14-6:7) — The Trespass Offering is to secure atonement for sins committed in ignorance that could be repaid. The fat of the offering was to be burned and the blood sprinkled. The remainder of the sacrifice was for the priest. Restitution played an important part in the trespass sacrifice. When one recognized the sin that he had committed he was to make restitution.

II. Instructions To The Priests (6:8-7:28) These verses are a repeat of the first five chapters but with emphasis on the part the priests had in making the offerings unto the Lord. The worshiper as well as the priest participated in the offering. It is his responsibility to kill the animal, and to divide it into the pieces.

III. The Importance Of The Priests (8:1-10:20) The preparation of the priest is as follows: (1) Investment of Aaron with the high priest's clothes. (2) Anointing Aaron and the Tabernacle with oil. (3) Investment of Aaron's sons with the priestly clothing. (4) Offering a bull as a Sin Offering. (5) Offering a ram as a Burnt Offering. (6) Offering a ram as an Ordination Offering. (7) Consecration of Aaron and his sons with the blood of the Ordination Offering. (8) The purification of Aaron and his sons for seven days.

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## Life and Work Lesson

### Biblical Basis Of Marriage

By Tommy Tutor  
Genesis 2:18-25;  
Ephesians 5:21-25

The home was established on the principle of marriage, (uniting man and woman as one). This was God's first institution on the earth. The first marriage ceremony was performed by God. In the state of innocence the husband was the head; the wife voluntarily subjected herself to him. God made marriage ideal, lovely, blessed, and perfect in love. Then temptation and sin came and destroyed this relationship. Eve succumbed to temptation, and Adam followed; God's perfect marriage was subverted.

In the state of sin God's purpose was disturbed in two directions: (1) Wives began to seek to be the head of the home and rejected loving self-subjection; (2) husbands began to lord it over their wives even to the point of enslaving them. Endless troubles resulted. But God in Christ can restore His divine purpose in marriage with all its happiness.

I. The Foundation For Marriage Was Laid In Creation (Genesis 2:18-24). For the first time in creation, God looks upon Adam and says, "It is not good for man to be alone." This account of creation presents man as lonely in the garden. God saw that his life was incomplete. He needed a partner with whom to share life. The created animal order was brought before Adam. He named each one of them, but none of them proved suitable

(9:1-24) — On the eighth day God called Aaron and his sons together and they received instructions from the Lord. This begins a new era in Israel. Up until this time Moses had served as the priest.

Chapter 9:8-14 record for us Aaron's obedience to the commandments of the Lord. Beginning in Chapter 9:15-21 we find the priests making offering sacrifices for the people as they had been commanded. When the offerings had been made Moses and Aaron went to the tent of the meeting. When they came out they blessed the people. The glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. Fire came from the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat upon the altar. The people saw it and fell upon their faces in obedience and worship before the Lord. The Lord God was pleased and satisfied with all that had happened.

to his need for a mate. They represented a lower order of creation. Though they can serve as companions in some ways, they lack certain qualities required to meet his deepest need. But the Creator does not create a need without providing an answer to it.

God put Adam to sleep in a supernatural way. This was not a sleep of weariness or fatigue. While Adam was asleep God removed a rib from his side. Whether Adam was created with a superfluous rib, or his body was mutilated by the abstraction of a rib, is a question to be answered. However, Luther thinks that Adam's language in verse 23 implies that not the base rib, but the rib with the accompanying flesh, was extracted.

God simply created Eve from Adam's rib. The point here is that because Adam and Eve originally were one, they could become one again.

#### II. The Joy Of Man Is Found In His Life's Partner — Woman (Genesis 2:21-25)

There is no doubt about Adam's delight; he wants God to look no further for a partner. At last God has created one who is suitable to be man's partner in life. This passage indicates the joy and astonishment of Adam as he looks upon Eve in full power of first love. Adam expresses his joy and love:

This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man (v. 23 RSV).

Woman had the characteristics that the animals lacked. She was like man (his equal in the order of creation); yet she was different from him. Woman complemented and completed man. Together male and female comprise humanity, the image of God.

The attraction of the sexes for each other constitutes one of the most powerful factors in human existence. The power of this attraction is so great that "a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh" (v. 24). The future of the race was laid by the creator in the very nature of man and woman. Thus marriage is the God-ordained way of satisfying the deep yearning for companionship and fulfillment for both man and woman and for continuing the race.

While marriage is presented in the

Bible as the usual pattern for male-female relationship, we recognize that this pattern is often rejected in our society today. Sexuality is a powerful factor in life. Without strong Biblical conviction about sexual morality, this powerful factor of life can be abused and misused.

#### III. The Basic Guidelines For Christian Marriage (Ephesians 5:21-25)

The degraded and exploiting relationship of man and woman in the first century created problems for the first Christians, especially the Gentiles. How could one carry out the implications of the gospel in family relationships? Christian leaders furnished guidelines suited for marriage and other relationships as well. Paul expresses some of these in this passage.

Note that while Paul addressed the wives first, he laid heavy obligations on husbands. Wives are to be subject to their own husbands. This subjection does not mean that wives are inferior. In his first letter Peter said that they are joint heirs of the grace of life (I Peter 3:7), and Paul said that in Christ there is neither male nor female (Galatians 3:28).

In the society of his day Paul could hardly have advised women to take any other position. Women were not trained for leadership, they were not sent to school, and they were taught to leave to men the role of leadership. Their subjection as Christians was not to be enforced by the husband, but was to be their voluntary response to a loving husband.

In setting marriage in the context of the relationship of Christ and the church, Paul lifted the subject to the highest possible level. The spirit that is to guide both husband and wife is that of self-giving love. Only in this kind of environment can marriage fulfill the high purpose of God and the deepest needs of men and women.

Husbands are commanded to love their wives even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. This same kind of unselfish love and consideration that Paul called for in marriage is needed in all man/woman relationships. Here too the command applies. "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." Therefore, the basis of Christian marriage is sacred, and should be looked upon as being completed in heaven: "What God has joined together, let not man put asunder."